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A. R. FREY,
673 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Mr. Howland Wood.
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Sir –

In reply to your favor I would say that I will try + get the Low catalogues for you, as well as any others.

I am specially interested in the coins, tokens, + medals, that have elephants on them, and have probably one of the most complete collections in this respect. I have some Oriental coins (chiefly silver) in duplicate, and if you care to see them I can send them on approval.

Have you any of the dumps of Ceylon in duplicate?

Yours very truly.

A. R. Frey

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A. R. FREY,
873 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood.—

The accompanying are only suggestions, but they may give you some ideas.

If you will hurry along the By-laws I will go over them. I suggest that after By-law 8 something be added to the effect that after ~~the~~ a Convention is held a Committee on Publication be appointed by the President, said Committee to have printed in pamphlet form the Const. By-laws, & such other matters as pertains to the Ass^{n} & that every member & every new member be furnished with a copy of the same. The expense of publication to be borne by funds of the Ass^{n} in the hands of

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The Treasurer.

Tom Johnson of Cleveland is introducing a new car-ticket. I have written to Marrison to write them up.

Sincerely
A. R. Frey

Sunday

My dear Wood –

Hesslein says that Finke is n.g. & Finke says Day is ditto. Add anything to my letter that you care to & mail it.

Finke's letter should be kept on file.

Will write in detail in a day or two.

Sincerely
Frey.

Have sent subs. to Heath, so do not send it.

A. R. FREY,
673 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Sunday.

My dear Wood.-

I have not replied to the enclosed letter. I wish that you would answer it & give him the names of the people (i.e. Hassler et al) so that he can write to them to his hearts content. If you do not care to reply then give me a list of them & I will make him wise.

If I remember rightly I wrote to this man quite a lengthy letter last Spring & gave you copy of all the correspondence, so you probably have the facts.

I am very much afraid

that Adams did not
keep his promise & pay
up everybody last May
as he ~~promised~~ agreed to.

You might tell Morrison
that the A.N.A. is not a
collection agency & that
his chances of getting
anything due him are
exceedingly slim. I shall
tell Wright when I write
to him next week that I
will step out & let the A.N.A.
go to hell if things are not
remedied pretty soon. I
did not imagine that I
was to be the recipient of
all the abuse & the complaints.

Shall attend Elder's sale
on both days. If there is
anything in your line I
will look after it.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey.

Morrison's letter to
be filed away with
the others.

Monday.

A. R. FREY,
573 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

My dear Wood –

Yesterday I wrote you a long letter & had it in my hand this morning intending to register it, when your letter arrived. As a supplement therefore to what I have written I would say as follows:

1. I understood you say that Adams gave you a written promise that everything would be settled by May 15 (I think).

2. I suggest that you take the enclosed sheet & adjust your typewriter so as to put the text above my signature. You can say in my name that I recommend expulsion of both Adams & Spoder. If you care to sign it with me well & good; if not I will stand it alone. Tell Wright to sign over or under my name & send to Heath. Let us expel the pair & then we

will hear nothing more from them, as neither of them will care to make any explanations.

Adams told Higgins
& Higgins told Low
& Low told Elder
& Low & Elder are telling it all over that he (Adams) had secured a very fine situation from some of the big trusts; that they are employing him as a civil engineer & that the new duties will take up all of his time. He will therefore be compelled to relinquish his numismatic avocations altogether.

How much is true & how much is something else, deponent knoweth not.

Enclosed letters you can keep or destroy as you wish — they may be interesting to you.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey

A. R. FREY,
673 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Sept. 16. 1906.

My dear Wood.—

Letters are enclosed:

1. From Zerbe. This you can keep or destroy, just as you wish.

2. From Lighthouse. Perhaps this should be kept on file. I have not answered it & do not intend to.

3. From Elder. This bears on the same matter. I called upon him on Friday & told him that so far as I knew the officers of the A.N.A. none of them would be guilty of writing letters of congratulation to either Lighthouse or himself on the stand that either of them has taken. Elder thinks that Green of Chicago has written to L. as he (Green) had an old grudge against Elder. (It seems that Elder bought something for Green by the *piece* instead of *by the lot*). I told Elder that I did not care to hear anymore concerning his damned quarrels & that he had better patch up matters.

4. From Hassler. To go on file. I have written him briefly stating that the matter ~~would~~ had been referred to you, & that you would take prompt action. I intend to nothing more in this matter, as I will only be

accused of spitefulness. But if Adams is to get the consignments & the officers of the A.N.A. are to receive the complaints & hear the abuse I do not think it a very fair arrangement. My vote is for expelling both Adams & Spader.

5. From Elder, (enclosing copy of letter from Hassler). D.P. in Elders letter is Proskey. Whether he has settled with Proskey since Monday I do not know. On Friday the office was locked. The "Stella" in the last sale was Proskey's property — perhaps that is the $200. referred to.

Now do what you please about it. I will not "butt in." I will attend Elders sale on both days, in case you have any bids.

At Lows sale I bought two books, Akerman & an odd volume of the Zeitschrift für N. There are some splendid things in these German periodicals & when I get time (if I ever do) I am going to translate some of them.

Have you noticed one peculiarity in the various numbers of the "Numismatist" recently? It is this — there are practically no illustrations. Perhaps Heath has dismissed

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his staff of Gustav Dore, Tenniel, Leech, & Thomas Nast. We are getting solid reading matter instead.

The two gold coins I suppose are from Sears as he asked me the value of them some time ago. I told him I did not know but informed him what I paid for mine & on the basis of this information he has priced them. His price is pretty high, but on the other hand their condition is superb. I am enclosing you my specimen of the larger one of the two, it is not as fine as the other, but if you are satisfied you can have it for $2.75 & I will pay you the difference ($1.75) & then you can send Sears the 4.50 for it. You are getting a very cheap coin, only as I said before its condition is "off."

The smaller one I have not got at all. It sells generally around $1.40 to 1.70. If you do not want it I will take that also as I am "dead stuck" on its condition. I suppose you collect only the type, whereas I go in for varieties. Only please say nothing to Sears about the matter. I have a still larger one in gold, the rarity seems to go up as the size increases.

Concerning Tariffville. Bidders house Mrs.
F. will not have as there are no improvements.
I believe she is in communication with Mrs.
Reed who owns the house adjoining the one
where we stopped & that may lead to some-
thing. But Mrs. Mitchelson took her in the
automobile to Simsbury (the station above)
& my wife is so much in love with
Simsbury that she declares in its favor.
I am the real drawback as I have
ascertained that I cannot get transferred to
the Hartford Custom House unless I accept
a reduction in salary of $800!! Hartford
being an interior port there is nothing to
do & it is one grand sweet loafing ground.
But I am not going from $2000. per to
$1200. just yet. Not if your uncle knows
it.

When you get a duplicate of the Davies ×
Frey card save me one.

I wonder whether Adams stuck "One Hi Gin."
If he did I suppose I will hear a tale of
woe soon. Who do you suppose is the Boston
dealer referred to in Hassler's letter.

Monty birthday on Tuesday — send him a
telegram or catch him on the long distance
& congratulate him. The dinner is from 12 to 2.

Sincerely A.M. F

Sept. 24.

A. R. FREY,
673 GREENE AVE
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

My dear Wood.

The enclosed contains some things that may be of interest to you, hence I send it for you to read.

Destroy it when you are through with it. Sincerely

A. R. Frey

SEP 24 1906

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MASSACHUSETTS.

Sep. 27.

A. P. FREY.
673 GREENE AVE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood.—

Both of your letters to hand. I will price the numbers you ask for.

In the type-written matter you sent me please note that in the 5th line the date should be 1905—perhaps you have already corrected it in the copy sent to Wright.

I have written to both Heath & Wright & have asked them to push matters—am only sorry that you did not include Spader also, so that we could fire them both out.

I do not know whether you have ever tried the Chapman's with a small consignment, but

I am informed that they get even better prices than Low does.

There is one thing about Low. If you put a consignment in his hands you will get your check for it thirty days from time of sale. I think moreover that you can make a deal with Low & get him to take less than 25% for selling. He has been compelled to come down from his 10% for buying & now charges 5% to dealers & 10 to all others. I wonder how he is able to discriminate between dealer & collector.

Many thanks for the coupons.

Hassler's letter (enclosed) you had better file with the others. I wrote him & told him that if he had any complaint against a Boston dealer, he had better communicate with you direct.

Sincerely
A. R. Frey

I imagine that Hassler has bought Heath's old type-writing machine — it has not improved since Heath had it.

Sep. 30. 1906.

A. R. FREY
373 [illegible] AVE.
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

My dear Wood—

Yours received & I have signed the notice & forwarded same to Heath.

In notifying Adams please use the phrase that "*the Official Board of the A.N.A.*" have voted his expulsion, and mention no names of individuals. I suggest that you word it something after this fashion:

Mr. G. C. A——

Dear Sir.

I am instructed by the Official Board of the Amer N. Assn to notify you of your expulsion from said Association

Respectfully
H. W. Secy.

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Adams may have the gall (though it is improbable) to bring an action for defamation of character, & if he is fool enough to adopt such a course he must serve a summons & complaint on every member of our Board.

We want to make it as difficult & expensive as possible for him in case he is foolish enough to adopt such a course.

Concerning a notification to the London Society I am afraid that such action may be construed as spiteful. We have carried our point & have got him outside of our ranks, & you may be pretty sure that as soon as the notice appears in the "Numismatist", Low will do the rest & probably he will even go so far as to mail marked copies all over.

As Hassler encloses a stamp, which I ~~must~~ have not used, you may be inclined to write him & corroborate my statement regarding Mehl that I (i.e. we) have met him, found him a pleasant young man & that nothing derogatory has reached our ears concerning him. More than that Hassler cannot expect & we do not bind ourselves in any way. Hassler's letter you might keep on file

Elder is Superintendent of the Madison Ave. Baptist Sunday School. — perhaps the duties connected therewith take up all of his spare time, — but between ourselves I do not believe that he has much stock except such coins as are contained in lots 1 to 102 in his forthcoming sale.

I have planted the olive-branch between Sears & Elder & now both of them are happy again.

Will write you after the sale.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

Strictly speaking my notice to you (enclosed) should be signed by at least four of the Board. I have left space in case you want Gibbs & Wright's signatures.

The next number of the "Coin Cabinet" ought to refer to our action

A. M. FREY
[illegible]
[illegible], Pa.

Monday

My dear Wood -

Yours reached me this morning. I do not know of anyone who will attend the Adams sale except Proskey, and as I have given him my bids, I entrusted him with yours also. I told him that I would call the latter part of the week & pay him for any lots secured. As I have frequently executed bids for him at other sales I think that he will treat us right.

Saw Loewy the other day & had dinner with him. He tells me that the king-pin of masonic collectors in Boston is a certain General Lawrence, whose headquarters are in the Temple corner of Boylston & Tremont sts. Perhaps you can get his full name from your city directory & try him with an application blank for the A.N.A. He collects masonic medals, Tokens, chapter - pennies &c. &c.

Sept 1902 [illegible]

Is Victor D. Brenner, (the medallist), one of our members? If not I think that I can get him. I am getting quite on a friendly footing with him.

Low's sale I shall not attend — am going fishing. Both Low's & Adams catalogues are not sent to me & I have to get friends of mine in the Custom House to write for them & give their home addresses. What folly it is for these two men to act in so short-sighted a manner.

Heath's letter enclosed may interest you — tear it up.

I will write to ~~Adams~~ Banks — thank you for his address & for coupons.

I think we have pulled Adams' teeth — incisors, canines, bicuspids, & molars, & if he gets any more consignments they will not be from our members.

Sincerely

Frey

Proskey of course buys everything under the name of "New York" so Adams will not know.

Dear Wood. –

If O. J. Lowenberg
43 Leonard st.
N.Y.

is not a member then give him a gentle reminder with the enclosed blanks. If his subscription has not expired then use the blank for somebody else.

Fred

File Fink's letter with the Adams matter.

THE NUMISMATIST
MONROE, MICH.

OCT 11
1906

A R Frey Esq
673 Greene Ave
Brooklyn
N.Y.

A. R. FREY,
673 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Oct 5.

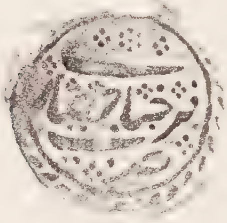
My dear Wood.—

At noon today I went up to see Proskey. He secured one lot for you (enclosed).

Your bid he assumed was on the set, whereas they were ~~were~~ sold by the piece. He obtained them @ 53¢ each (= 2.12) & charged me no commission as I execute his bids at various sales.

Your bidding slip I have wrapped around the coins & have added on it the prices realized as far as Proskey could give them to me.

Proskey had a beautiful paisah of the Farakhi (Chittledroog) mint which I promptly snapped up for 60¢. It is the best one that I have seen for a long while of this mint & they are much more difficult to obtain than the Pattern. The elephant & date are of course on the other side.



We ought to hear from Schulman soon. Hess' big sale begins today.

Have we any members in Minneapolis, Minn. — if so, please give me their names & addresses.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

Oct. 22.

A. R. FREY.
873 GREENE AVE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood.—

Yours with enclosure reached me several days ago—accept my thanks for same.

The accompanying letters relating to Zerbe had perhaps better be placed on file as a basis for future reference. The letter from Perry you can keep or destroy, just as you please—it might be well, however, for you, as the Secretary, to have at least one letter in your possession from every member of the association, if for no other purpose than to compare signatures. The letters have of course all been answered by me, so no action is necessary by you.

I have told Proskey once or twice to send you things on approval & he invariably says "Yes, yes, when I get things into shape". He told me that he bought $80.00 worth at Adams' sale so as to reduce Adams' indebtedness to him. The consensus of opinion here is that Adams must be a pretty slick article if he could manage ~~to get~~ the better of Proskey to the tune of $200.00

You and Moritz have had letters from Shulman but he has not written me, so I suppose that I received nothing

I only bid on one or two lots + perhaps he takes up the small buyers last.

We got 60 pounds of flounders between us the day that we went out. From Sears' letter (enclosed) you will see that he did not catch quite as many.

Otherwise there is nothing.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

Is Heal dead?

Nov. 9. 1906

A. R. FREY,
873 [illegible] AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood -

Nothing of any note has occurred which accounts for my silence.

Elder will attend the Low sale# next week & the Chapman sale next month in case you have any bids.

The general opinion here is that the entire contents of Adams' next sale belong to Prosky.

I have not heard any protests from Adams relative to his dismissal. Mr. Miller informed me that Adams told him that by Jany 1st he will ~~be~~ connected with some Western railroad & will abandon the coin

#catalogue not out yet

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interests. Whether he will hold any sales in December he does not say.

Please give me the full names + addresses of the various parties who want Spink, so that I can forward them by Nov. 18-20 by the latest. Spink's are sure to get something wrong unless I give them detailed instructions. You might tell everyone that the price is somewhere between 63 + 68¢, I can tell better when the draft is secured — but tell them not to pay me until they receive the first number (i.e. the December number).

Will you also pay the enclosed for me when you are in the neighborhood? I draw no cheques as everything has been for years in Mrs. Frey's name + it is a nuisance to send a postal-note — at least to go to a branch post-office & execute one. So don't be foolish enough ever to lend me ten thousand dollars as any cheques drawn by me are not honored.

Zerbe wrote me a few days ago from St. Louis, Mo. — I am wondering whether he is making some deal with Ellis.

Heath is certainly an unsatisfactory proposition. I bought some coins for him about a month ago & although he has long since received them he writes not a word.

I have the Boston Num. Soc'y Tokens complete set in three metals — price $2.00, just what they cost me. If you want them say so. The silver one I believe is very scarce.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

A. R. FREY,
873 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Nov. 12. 1906

My dear Wood.-

This morning's mail brought me your letter with its inclosures. I have up to this date not received a single letter referring to the Adams matter & if one should come either for or against our decision you may be sure that I will communicate you the contents at once, or perhaps send you the entire letter.

As to the Low letter it is not worth answering. This man (Low) has done absolutely nothing for the Association; he proposes no new members & uses the A.N.A. simply to obtain the addresses. His letter may have been prompted by Adams's recent statement (printed) that "in deference to Mr. Low I will postpone my sale" &c. &c. which I understand Adams has prefixed to his forthcoming ~~sale~~ catalogue when he found that it conflicted with Low. Moreover, Low has vehemently protested against the admission of Adams to the Amer. Arch. & Num. Society & Poillon & Drowne have been posted by him in regard to Adams character. In fact Low has been Adams' most bitter opponent & I can only explain his letter by assuming that Higgins has called upon him, & used his influence as a in Stiegenwalts' catalogue just out. I think however that you told me you already had a copy of this.

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It might be well for you to take pages 2 & 3 of this letter (but not page one) & send it to Higgins. I have worded them ~~it~~ very carefully & if he reads them I think it will bring him to terms & induce him to call on me. You might write to him something like this:

Dear Mr. H.

In order to show you that the matter of which you complain has two sides, I am enclosing you two pages of a letter received from Mr. Frey today. I took the liberty of sending him a copy of your letter & it is only fair to you that ~~hear~~ you should hear his reply. The addresses referred to are Dr. .. Hasche, xxx st. Santa Ana. Cal & .... Morrison, xx st. Mt. Vernon. Ill. Kindly return the letter to me after perusal & oblige &c

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Put a stamped envelope in addressed to yourself & he will have no excuse for not replying. I have not written you an official letter as I am not worrying about the bridge until we come to it, only when you write Heath tell him to print nothing until it has received the sanction of the Board. I will write him to the same effect. I have no copy of this letter so for precautions' sake you can take a copy

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of pp. 2 & 3, but let Higgins have the original
of these pages. If he is the gentleman I take
him for he will return them to you, & if he
calls on me I will give you the details. Send
the entire pages, do not cut them. My reference
to the address at the foot of page 3 will
not enlighten him.

Sincerely
A. R. Frey

Nov. 14.

A. R. FREY.
873 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood.—

I wrote you last night & today I have received the enclosed letter which is the *first* communication relative to the Adams matter that has reached me. I am also enclosing my answer, which please read & then mail.

If you care to hand the letter from Fink to anybody you know, please do so — perhaps Sears can sell him some duplicates.

As regards the other letter I would say this. Mr. Chandler wrote me about a month ago regarding Zeche's qualification & I gave him a good "send off". The enclosed letter from Chandler would seem to indicate that he will obtain the position. Place it on file for reference.

Sincerely

Frey

Sunday.

A. R. FREY.
877 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

BOSTON'S MIDNIGHT DRINK.

Thirsty Citizens' Vote for It Was Very Decisive.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—This city voted yesterday for a liquor license law, and also for extending the time of serving drinks from 11 P. M. to midnight. The vote was: For license, 43,280; against, 18,540. For the 12 P. M. law, 39,417, against 21,293.

ENTOMBED MINER CHEERFUL.

My dear Wood—

How did you vote on this very important matter? When thirsty New Yorkers come to [illegible] visit you next year they will have time to get a drink after the theatre is over. It is a wise & sensible provision I think.

The row between Elder & Proskey has at last found its way into print as you can see from the last Elder Monthly. Proskey's remarks concerning condition, description, &c which were made aloud for the benefit of all during the progress of a sale, were resented by Elder—he told him plainly that he did not care for his presence at the sales in the future. To this Proskey replied with a personal letter to Elder,—evidently a sort of "heart to heart talk from the pastor to the flock". Said letter must have been a "corker" for Elder refuses to show it to anybody, but retaliates in the "Monthly" as you have seen

Miller sailed for Egypt yesterday & will not return until next June. He gets to London (via Paris & Brussels) about April or May & I gave him a letter to Forrer & your "Bazoolies" — so you may have a letter from Forrer in the Spring.

Elder has made a similar complaint to me, as he did to you, concerning the "poor & holed". I told him that if I was rich enough I would buy every lot of them that turned up & would melt them up to get them out of the way.

You might incidentally give Heal a tip as to the prices McLachlan pays. Heal I believe has no use for him, but where the differences between them lie I do not know.

Vreeland sent $3.00 half of this was for Imhoff & the other half for Fordyce, another new member & a good man.

I have heard nothing more concerning the Adams matter. The enclosed letter you might file with the Adams documents, or rub it under Higgins' nose in case he blackguards me — it refers of course to the "History of the Dollar" sale & what Adams tried to convey was that in case I had a bid of $18.00 on a coin. I would not purchase it for $3.85.

Sears has sent me a letter concerning his youngster. Mitchelson I saw last week The new house is nearly ready & he wants me to come up during the winter.

Now you have all the news so there is nothing more left to tell but to wish you the compliments of the season.

Sincerely Frey.

I told the madam that we were so cramped now that she ought to discharge our milkman & take only condensed milk hereafter so as to make the food & surroundings harmonize.

Copy. Portion of letter to T. S. Heal. Dec. 31. 1906.

As to the Adams matter Wood has told me nothing concerning your differences of opinion. If there are, as you say, "lots of members just as bad, even worse than Adams," then all that a member has to do is to make a written complaint against him or them, to any member of the Board of Trustees & it will be acted on. You of course do not keep in touch with the present Board, the way that Wood & I do. If you did, you would realize that it is composed of active men & that the dead wood on the numismatic tree has been lopped off. Consequently when nine general complaints reach us, culminating in a direct charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses, & the party complained of is always one & the same man, the Board is not content with a reprimand but exercises its fullest powers.

You must not imagine that there is any secret connected with the case you refer to. The two principal complainants, Hasler of Santa Ana, & Morrison of Mt. Vernon, Ill. (both of whose addresses you will find in the directory of the members) will be pleased to give you the details of their transactions with Mr. Adams, as they are taking good care to publish their grievances, & your curiosity will be gratified if you will write to them. Suffice it to say that the matter was carefully investigated by five members of the Board & that the offender was even given ample opportunities to make amends, but failed to do so.

The expulsion itself was effected by the members of the Board of Trustees, who have the power to do this;

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& as they have heard *both* sides & you have heard only *one* side, I think that they are better qualified to judge in this matter than you are.

You say that you wrote Heath a letter which he declined to publish — so did the nine men who are complainants against Adams, & their letters were not published either. The officers have been, I think, very considerate, in leaving all this scandal out of the pages of the "Numismatist," for it must be evident to you, that if one letter is published, all should be published.

Lastly, it appears somewhat singular to me that you should be the *only* member of the Assn. who is in any way agitated over the matter. The thing is ended, & beyond a few references from correspondents to the various members of the Board, to the effect that their action was tardy, no allusions have been made. You stand on a pedestal by yourself.

Of course, as you say, you can quietly drop out of the Association, (I believe you make this threat regularly every December), but it is members such as you that we wish to retain.

Jany 1. 1907

My dear Wood:

Many thanks for your letter & the coupons enclosed. I got a splendid book-case out of the tobacco company last week & you ought to try for one yourself. It takes quite a while but as a man smokes anyhow he may as well save these things up.

Enclosed find.

Letters from Zeebe & Perry — as these are partly autobiographical you may consider them worth filing.

Letter from Heal & my reply thereto. I rubbed it in pretty hard on Samuel, although I did exaggerate a bit in regard to the throne. Heal does not sit on it alone, Higgins is with him. I have had no further comments regarding the Adams matter, but I suggest that you make Higgins toe the mark concerning the unreturned letter. It is remarkable that he can reply so very promptly when you asked him concerning the instigator of his letter to you & now cannot find time to reply. My reply to Heal please keep for a while as I have no copy — Heal may "discourse lengthily" on some of my statements & I wish to be certain of what I wrote,

I saw Mitchelson yesterday & showed him the clipping from the newspaper. The suit has not yet been decided but Ariel Mitchelson has been restrained from entering Joseph's sacred precincts. The cat & dog show opens in Madison Square Garden tomorrow & Mrs. M. is exhibiting four pussies.

Regarding our account – the four subs. to Spink @ 65¢ = $2.60, but you paid a bill for me at Libbies & I want you to send my ~~dues~~ subscription to Heath when you send yours, hence any difference you can add or subtract from the exchange account.

In buying lots of coins if you get any Syrian Bactrian or Indo-Scythian (whether they have the elephants on them or not) give me a chance on them if in fine condition.

The proposed changes in the Constitution & By-laws I will consider & report on later.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

Sackett & I had our annual Xmas dinner last Saturday night — I wish you had been with us.

Jany 11. 1907

A. R. FREY
[illegible]
[illegible], N.Y.

My dear Wood.

Will you, as Secretary, reply to enclosed letter? Heath in the last number has Fordyce references as Green + Vreeland — I hardly think that this is correct, but it matters little.

Note also enclosure from the back of one of Libbie's catalogues — when you are in the neighborhood you might stop + find out when this sale takes place.

I shall not bother with Low's sale — too many medals.

Sincerely
A. R. Frey.

A. R. FREY,
[illegible] GREENE AVE.
[illegible]

Feby 3. 1907.

My dear Wood.—

Enclosed is Heal's last letter & my reply; it is not worth making a copy so read it & mail it. If Heal makes any comments about a Boston post-mark on the letter, I shall tell him that it was submitted to you. I do not think that Heal's two letters are worth keeping, nor my previous reply either, as the Adams matter appears to be a dead one

In Elder's next sale (of which I have seen the advance sheets) is a consignment of Chinese from "Brooklyn": If these are yours, shall I price them for you?

Many thanks for the Am. J. of N. containing your paper. I am retaliating by sending you one of the "Mittheilungen" (an old number) containing the conclusion of a paper on the decorative art among the Arabs &c. As the tughra plays an important part in it, the same may be of interest to you. The preceding number I cannot furnish as I did not join the Society until Jany 1904 & only by accident obtained this number.

I suppose you have seen the announcement of the completion of ~~Part~~ Vol. 1. of the coins in the Indian Museum of Calcutta. It is a grand work & ten dollars seems a reasonable enough price for it.

Hyman has not dropped out on account of the Adams matter. He sold his entire collection to Hesslein last summer & has lost the interest in collecting. Hesslein sold most of the coins & the remainder he put in one or two of Elder's sale. All those coin holders which have been appearing in Elder's sales also belonged to Hyman.

As to what J. W. Scott said, I do not know, but up to Jany. 15th I understand Lambert had not received a cent. We may get tales of woe later on from Lambert, but of course we can do nothing.

You need not send Heath my subscription – I have attended to it. You might send me a set of those cards if they represent all different countries, & charge to me.

Saw Hallenbeck a few days ago. He tells me that Wright is home & very busy. He has not been buying anything recently as his taxes on his Texan property take all his loose cash.

Otherwise no news.

Sincerely
A. R. Frey

Feby 12. 1907

My dear Wood.-

The enclosed documents are self explanatory. I have signed my name at the foot of the Const & By Laws, so with yours, you can register two votes in favor of it. I would however call your attention to the following, which you can adopt or not without my further approval in case you make any change.

1. Why have local secretaries report monthly? In nine cases out of ten there is nothing to report & a Secretary for the extreme West will have his hands full if he only attempts to write a report semi-annually. I think this should be modified. Moreover, you are loading a tremendous lot of work on your own shoulders if you are going to incorporate all of these petty

reports, monthly, in your own. I do not think that the A.N.A. should chronicle whether A B C D & E met at the house of M, exhibited some Rebellion tokens & had tea & currant-buns afterwards. Leave it entirely to the Secretaries & if there is nothing to chronicle why leave their reports out for six months, or even a year. I know that I would not take the job under such conditions & you as chief secretary can only find a dozen lines to report sometimes, how much then can you expect of them?

2. See By-Laws section 2. Don't you think that we ought to have a committee on printing & publication besides such printing as is executed by Heath? For example, I think that every new member should receive the Constitution & By-Laws in pamphlet form, (say the size of Ellis or Green's mail auction sales, so that they can readily be slipped in an envelope & mailed to him). It is a nuisance to constantly turn

back to the Sept. no. of 1904 in order to consult our Regulations & if we adopt the new ones & print them in the March no. of this year, we will have the same trouble later on. A committee on publication would obviate all that.

In case you see anything in these suggestions to alter any of your proposed regulations do not bother with mailing them back to me. — Remember, I accept them as a whole.

In my letter to the members I have purposely refrained from alluding to the Convention. Let us get this thing through first & we can try the other on them afterwards. I suggest that you attach the new Const. & By-Laws to my letter & get it to Heath as soon as possible, without waiting for Wright any longer if he has not taken any action.

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I have no particular desire to relinquish my office in favor of Zube, especially as it is by no means settled whether he will have the Jamestown exhibit & whether we hold the Convention there at all.

I myself would prefer it, as there is an exhibition there & I have not been in Virginia for twenty years. But so few of our members live in that section of the country that I doubt whether many can be induced to come. After the new rules are printed & adopted, I will put the question of a Convention & the locality to the members & we will see what they say.

Of the present Board Wright & Lighthouse could be dropped, as they never do anything. Gies says to that he is an officer but is never consulted & would be glad to act if given a chance. Gibbs is a good fellow but Dow or Tremblay are more in communication with the Canadian collectors, especially Dow. (G. C. Adams should have charge of all funds).

The Arch & Numis. Soc'y held their meeting & dropped the first part of their former title although there was considerable protest. We can do nothing in the matter, but we need not fear them. They are a lot

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of old fogies, who own a fine collection but do not even know what they possess. When Poillon asked me why I resigned I said because I was not inclined to pay $10.00 a year for their little pamphlet, when for half that sum I could get the transactions of the best Societies in Europe.

I have joined the Brussels Society who really publish an excellent monthly. From Witty's letter enclosed, (which please return) you will see that "si d'autres membres de votre compagnie desirant faire partie de notre cercle" &c. &c. hence if you would like to join I would be only too glad to forward your name. I am glad you told me about Elder & the Royal Society. I will also endeavor to choke him off.

I make our account 3.89, because I am deducting $2.00 for those postal-cards. Otherwise we agree. I have another small bill of Libbies, (under $1.00) will you pay it for me if I send it to you?

Zaumbaum originally wrote his

treatises in German, but as he wrote both languages some may have appeared simultaneously in French. Do not send me the Calcutta catalogue, I shall order one from Quaritch in London - his price is 30/- to which duty must be added.

Vol 2. of the British Socy is out. Can you readily ascertain for me the date of the red catalogue of Froissard with the camel on the cover?

The best hustler for N.Y. is either E. Smith Jr. or Imhoff; but I doubt whether either of them will tie themselves down to monthly reports.

I will price Elder's cat. for you. Lots 347 to 387 are from Monty.

That is really all.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey

I shall register this as I am not inclined to write it all over in case it goes astray.

A. R. FREY.
[illegible] AVE.
[illegible] N.Y.

Mar 21. 1907.

My dear Wood: -

Yours was received some days ago. Please note the enclosures:

Letter from Heath, which please put on file. The "belated balance" does not refer to an account of October 1906, but to one of October 1905! Heath's business transactions are on a par with his punctuality in publication.

Circular from Dinner & Co. When writing to Heath you might ask him to mail them a specimen number of the magazine & if you care to write them a letter, enclosing application blank please do so.

The enclosed clipping was handed to me by Hallenbeck some time ago. It looks as if Benjamin Pomeroy was getting it in the neck. Hallenbeck is going to write a letter to the "Numismatist" advocating some northern city in the U.S. for our convention, with a preference for Buffalo, Chicago or Detroit. He claims that the Canadian members have not met us since 1900 & a meeting in the North will induce them to come. I told him to go ahead, as we here in N.Y. are beginning to get ~~very~~ skeptical concerning the Jamestown exhibition & while the military & naval programme can be carried out by May 28 (the date assigned for the opening) the ground display certainly will not be ready.

Lastly, note the letter from Allentown, N.J. I have not answered this as I had no application blanks & I wish that you would write him & enclose one. I strongly suspect that this is a boy & a very young one at that, hence any application filled in by "Heath & Reagan" dont go with us. It might be well to get him to furnish two bona-fide references from his own place.

Last Saturday afternoon Zerbe called on me. He had been attending the sale in Phila. & came on to N.Y. — I could not see him that afternoon but made an appointment for Sunday afternoon & evening with him & spent eight hours with him talking over matters.

It appears then that he is rather discouraged by the attitude of the Jamestown people. They will not strike any official medal or coin & they will not appoint him to any salaried position. In fact they have hinted that he must ~~by~~ buy space as an ordinary exhibitor in order to transact his business. His plans, like those of the other exhibitors, have not yet been perfected, but he certainly hopes to have some kind of an exhibit, either in an official capacity or otherwise, & he said that he wanted it under the auspices of the A.N.A.

Coming direct to the matter of the election of officers, I told him plainly that I would not resign, but on the other hand that I am remaining perfectly neutral & would not work against him. I said that the entire matter had better be left to the members & that suggestions as to time & place of meeting should be determined by them. The upshot of our conversation can be best summarized by the following schedule:

Points in Zube's favor.

If the meeting is held in Jamestown & he does the honors he will be elected & I shall not oppose him. In fact if I see the sentiment is drifting his way, I shall go so far as to make an address advocating his candidacy. In this event, however, (i.e. his election) I will not under any circumstances accept any other place on the ticket.

He told me that you had informed him that I would like to be Chairman of the Board & I answered that such was my intention at one time & that I had hinted it to you, but considering the amount of work (quarrels, disputes, &c) I would not now take it upon reconsideration.

As for Treasurer & Secretary those offices were so well filled that there must be no change.

To sum up, his election depends on the meeting being held in Jamestown & there his chances are excellent.

Points against him

Elder is bitterly opposed to him on account of the stand he took in the Lighthouse affair (which I dont quite understand myself yet & Zube failed to explain it very satisfactorily). Elder has already fired his opening gun for me & says he will back me up against all comers.

Told Zube if the convention is held in a northern city that he would have no chance & if it was held in Chicago then Brand or Dunham would get it.

I accused him of being a dealer, which he denied. He said that at St. Louis he acted as agent for Hirsch selling his foreign coins & as agent for the Exposition Managers selling their souvenirs.

Told Zube, that I did not wish to boast but that many proxies would come in with my name proposed & if as many as thirty or forty did come in, would it be fair to ignore the wishes of these constituents?

Altogether, when I left Zube he was feeling more dubious than ever about his aspirations, & I think that he will make some kind of an effort to have the Convention switched to Jamestown. What I have written to you please keep confidential. I have prepared a letter, (which I enclose) & if you can get one of our members to copy it in his handwriting & mail it to Heath, please do so. If you do not care to do this, send it back to me & I will get someone else to write it. ~~As~~ I originally favored Jamestown, but I am very much afraid that nobody will attend but Heaton, Duffield, & Tuthill & I now think that Hallenbeck's idea is a good one to have it in a city where Heath & the Ohio & Chicago Societies will put in an appearance. The origin of this letter (enclosed) you had better also not communicate to the party that writes it, as it is not necessary that Zerbe knows that I am secretly working for another city. I want somebody to start the thing in the pages of the magazine & then let our members choose for themselves.

Foster Ely has been bothering me with letters concerning the price of his Am. J. of N. I finally told him that I was afraid he would not accept my offer. Said that when Woodward died his stock was sold at auction here & I bought 800 numbers at 5¢ each. This price I offered him but he has not decided to accept as yet. Told him that I had as many as 15 copies of some numbers & lacked others altogether & as I could only use them to make complete sets to sell to libraries, ~~I was~~ not inclined to pay any more. Have made some exchanges (number for number) with Marvin a short time ago & was able to complete another set by this means.

Thank you for paying the Libbie bill. I see that Libbie has a sale of coins & ~~curios~~ on March 28. & if this is the advertised coin collection there is certainly nothing in it. I have seen a catalogue—

& am disappointed at the contents. The Merwin-Clayton Auction Co. (booksellers) will have a coin sale in April — I will see to it that you receive a catalogue.

I had a pleasant letter from Chase yesterday & this morning his package of cards arrived. I wrote him telling him how welcome an addition it was to my daughter's collection & also sent him a medal with three ships on it — hope it is of interest to him.

The coins from Schulman arrived together with another lot that I had not bid on. Their condition is not what Schulman claims them to be, but for all that, many are entirely new types. I shall submit the duplicates to you some time when I am sending something else. Kube's coin circular I receive regularly & have occasionally found something in it.

Adams I am told is the N.Y. representative of the "Chicago & N.Y. Air Line" which is selling bonds of a trolley road that it is proposed to run between here & Chicago, & which is to revolutionize rail-road time between the two cities. Two friends of mine say it is a swindle & that such a road will not be built for many years, if it is ever built. The bonds are for sale, however, & if you want to invest in any I will communicate with G.C.A. indirectly & negotiate. Can't you get somebody in Boston to write for circulars & detailed information?

It looks as if Higgins is holding out the olive branch. Does he really write to you promptly? If such is the case it is more than I ever knew him to do.

Saw Prof. Olcott of Columbia University some days ago. He says Benson's coins are not in the market, but does not know their disposition. Do you get his circulars (Olcott's) if not, I will have him send them to you.

My letter is long enough — I only hope it is interesting.

Sincerely
A.R. Frey

I shall register this as I do not care to write it all over again.

To the Editor of the Numismatist. Dear Sir:

It appears to be a kind of unwritten law that the American Numismatic Association hold a Convention every three years, and I would suggest that one be held this summer. Most of our members would like to become personally acquainted and a meeting of this kind brings many of them together.

I am always interested in reading the accounts of the meetings of the Chicago and the Ohio Numismatic Societies, and I think it would be a good plan for ~~the~~ our members to meet in one of those territories. I am writing this in the hope that other members will take the matter up, and give us their ideas as to time ~~and~~ place, so that the delightful experiences of Detroit, Buffalo, and St. Louis can be repeated.

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Dear Wood.

The above can be "doctored up" a bit, but as you have received several letters from members asking for a Convention, why not get one of them to send in something like this. This will start the things + we will see what will come of it. Of course you + I + any of our officers had better say nothing until we see what the members really want.

My dear Wood.—

Devine evidently does not keep a record of the paid subscriptions. If you have received a similar notice, then give him a blowing-up. I have not answered the card.

Foster Ely wants to sell me a large lot of the Am. J. of Num. & we may make a deal. The old man has retired from the Church & I hear his congregation say "thank God"!

Coins from Schulman not here yet.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

A. R. FREY
671 MADISON AVE.
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Sunday.

My dear Wood.—

Possibly I shall receive a letter from you tomorrow morning – but will finish this anyhow & if anything important is mentioned in it I will give you another letter tomorrow evening.

A very curious thing happened last Monday. On my return from lunch one of the messengers handed me a sealed envelope, minus any address & added that a gentleman had left it. It contained the three sheets which I am enclosing to you. Perhaps Higgins left it himself, but from the messengers' description it was not Higgins. I am returning them herewith & shall of course say or write nothing to Higgins. Perhaps something is taking place between him & Adams. Elder showed me a letter from Lambert dated Feby 17., in which he states that at that date he had not yet received one cent.

Elder's prices realized I mailed you after the sale & am also enclosing a clipping on the old Allaire property which you may like to put with the other. If you care to make any note of it for the "Numismatist" do so. The paper on the Jamestown Exhibit, which I am mailing under separate cover

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you may care to keep — if not, send it to Zerbe.

Benson died on March 27. I have prepared an obituary for our magazine from the enclosed clippings, so they can be thrown away unless you want to attach them to any correspondence you have of his.

I shall write to Heath after finishing this & you shall have his reply as soon as it comes. In regard to officers I have spoken to a number of our members here & they want *you and me* & nobody else. The opinion moreover seems to be that Jamestown is a poor place to hold a convention & mayhap we will have none. I do not know whether Zerbe will take a position there (it does not seem to be positively settled as yet) & even if he does, I shall not start any Jamestown boom in the "Numismatist", though of course I do not know what Zerbe will announce. Elder is furious at the idea of any election (I hinted to him that there might be one). He says the A.N.A. is capitally run now & he gets along with all of them except Lighthouse. Why then make any change? says he.

I think Z. would be all right as Chairman, because Wright will not attend to the matters promptly. Wright would make a capital V.P. as I could take half the duties from his shoulders & you the other half, & that would just suit him.

The Revue Belge de Numismatique is published quarterly not monthly (I was mistaken in calling it a monthly). It is a very fine magazine & appears promptly on time. The subscription is 15 francs a year & this sum *includes* membership, there being no entrance fees. If you care to go in & try it for a year, I will notify Witty when I write him next week.

Elder has never mentioned the matter of membership to the Royal Soc'y to me & until he speaks of it I shall certainly say nothing to him.

I was very fortunate in the Schulman sale. I gave him four or five small bids, and one large one (Florins 60.) on the big "find" of leaden coins (106 in all) lots 803a to 822s. (inclus.) I stated, however, that this bid was for *all* *or* *none*, as I do not propose that anybody should pick them over. They were knocked down to me (at my limit of course) but even so, I am satisfied, because I doubt whether any other collector (perhaps even museum) can show such a display. Lots 817, 820, & 821 promise something. They are not here yet, but are due pretty soon. How did you make out?

Sears writes me to say nothing about his contemplated movements & that is why I am sending you his letter — but probably you know it already.

Thank you for the date of the catalogue of Frossard. Hills has several copies & is pricing one for me.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey

Will hold the slides until next letter. Saw Chase before he left for the W.I. & told him to buy me all the view cards he could for my girls collection. If he delivers them to you, please send them along & notify me how much I owe him

A. R. FREY,
673 GREENE AVE.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Mar 31. 1907

My dear Wood:-

Yours reached me a day or two ago & I am enclosing Zerbe's letter. It is a sorry spectacle to see a man bidding for the office in the way that he does. I told him two weeks ago today that the impression prevails here that he is a dealer & he is trying to clear himself in his letter. I told him, as I have told you, that if the convention is held in Jamestown, he will be able to "run things" & get himself elected without any trouble. But if it meets in a Western city I will put up a fight for it.

There must have been a rather lively time when he & Elder met. Elder refused to tell me anything & simply said that he "had made things square for Zerbe's stand in the Lighthouse matter & had made him feel like ten cents." Keep Zerbe's letter on file for the present. What I should like to know is what position will he occupy in Jamestown anyway?

I wrote to Wright some time ago & received no reply. As this matter of the revised constitution cannot wait, I sent some lines concerning it to Heath for publication (somewhat similar to those which I sent to you) & have directed the members to signify their approval or non-approval by communicating with *the Secretary direct*. As Heath has all the papers now, they should appear in the next number. I took it upon myself to appeal in this wise to the members, as I did not propose to wait for Wright any longer. Hallenbeck tells me that he thinks Wright is not particularly anxious for any office.

Of course you understand that in the event of Zerbe, Dunham, Brand, or any other man being elected to the Presidency I refuse to take *any office whatever*. Let the Ass^{n} run things

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A. R. Frey Esq.
President of the American Numis. Assoc.
Brooklyn.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Miller has just handed to me your very kind letter and the characteristic medal, bearing a portrait of yourself, and executed in the style of a Bactrian 20 stater piece, which I am very pleased to accept and add to my collection of medallic productions by contemporary medallists.

I am also writing to Mr Howland Wood as you suggest, as I desire to incorporate his name in my Dictionary of Medallists.

Always at your service,
I beg to remain
Dear Sir
Yours obediently
L. Forrer.

O.F. 5,000. 6/2/07

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My dear Wood

Heath has not sent me any application blanks as yet, so pending their arrival will you write to this man — he appears to be all right.

Sincerely

Frey

Baron hands you one of these when you ask for his card

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April 17. 1907.

My dear Wood

Enclosed letter is of more interest to you than to me, hence you might like to keep it. Miller is not yet back but I expect him in a few days.

I suggest that at the next meeting we make Forrer an honorary member — what say you?

If you hear anything more of the Libbie catalogue try & get me a copy when issued.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

April 29.

My dear Wood:–

This house has been sold very suddenly & we are in all the horrors of moving which delays everything of course.

We have the choice of several new residences & I will notify you as soon as the location has been determined upon positively which will be before the week is over.

In the interim should there be anything of importance a letter addressed to the 7th Division, N.Y. Custom House will always reach me, though I prefer all of my correspondence to go to the home address.

The Vienna Jahrbuch gives:
Professor Eduard von Zambauer,
Wiener-Neustadt.
Austria
& adds that his specialty in collecting is Muhammedan Coins.

The current issue (May) of the magazine called "The Scrap Book" has an article on Esperanto. Other matters in your letter I will touch on later.

Change Imhoff's address to Hopewell, New Jersey.

Sincerely A.R. Frey.

Pardon the envelope – everything is packed away.

1083 Lincoln Place
Brooklyn. N.Y.
May 3. 1907

My dear Wood

Yours received. The new address is as above & I will notify Heath. I do not know whether you incorporate the changes of address in your report or not — but even if you do no harm can result by my notifying Heath direct.

I have no Bryan dollars & do not collect them. Mitchelson has a number of varieties including some scarce types. He is the only man that I know of that may be of assistance to you. Zerbe showed me two or three but they were the Gorham & similar ordinary types.

Zerbe wrote me a letter which I shall send you as soon as I have replied to it, which will not be until next week. We move on Saturday (May 4) + Monday (May 6), but I have made arrangements with the post-office authorities to deliver all mail at once to the new address + somebody there will collect it for me & hold it.

Zambouni's address I have sent you.

I have broadened out somewhat in collecting & will write you the details later. I am encroaching on your special field to some extent.

Sincerely A. R. Frey.

If you want a special letter from me favoring the new constitution I will send you one. Though the fact that I am one of those that assisted in making it, is of course prima facie evidence that I am for & not against it.

Schenectady N.Y. May 5 1907

Dear Terry —

Wood wrote me that you are away and may not want — to attend the Wm Appleton Sale May 21 – 22

I shall have just a few bids and would like to know if it would be convenient for you to execute them for me?

Kindly drop me a line —

The new Constitution and By Laws are a big improvement over the old and I hope we may see it accepted as whole

Yours fraternally

B. P. Wright

214 Jay St

May 7. 1907

A. R. FREY
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood. -

The enclosed letter to Zerbe you will please read & then mail to him. It will save me the trouble of copying it. You have received a copy of the proposed changes from him I believe.

Wright's letter may be fairly construed as a vote for the new Constitution - & I would register him as in favor of it.

I shall attend both sessions of the Appleton sale, so if you or Mr. Chase have any bids I shall be glad to execute them.

Sincerely
A. R. Frey

[illegible] N.J. Aug 8 1887

My Dear Jay

Yours [illegible] just rec'd — I was glad my [illegible] to you — Wood and I may [illegible] issue on a fixed and definite afternoon — I have written that you will have [illegible] made necessary to [illegible] before this can be [illegible] One that be [illegible] [illegible]

Yours —

In the Matter of a Meeting Place for our first Convention my choice is Jones Store as I think we can get a larger attendance at that place than any other — I have written Work to the Effect and after I have him Command that it will be to the interest of the Order to meet there — As I consider the matter it is the duty of the President to issue the call — Naming the Place, Time & Object of the Meeting —

My opinion is that it is wise to pass the honors around — You and I have had all the Glory and honor to be had in the chief office and have not found it very beneficial but some of the other may ~~they~~ be my dogs were ~~the~~ fellows ones — I never before had any other members of importance. Such then however became pretty well in theory my opinions that you [illegible] —

You and I have settled and and some of the other might be better of one another to often than the opportunity —

I think I could meet at Jamestown last I would not consider it wise for one to neglect my practice & take two "vacations" I doubt many others would not [illegible] [illegible] would please for Jamestown — but you are the one to decide I had my day and made the case for St Louis, and would to say now I had a fine time while there — so please ask your entire pleasure in this [illegible] as my [illegible] [illegible]. There is just one suggestion my [illegible] would be to ask that each member bring a few of his guns for all to ~~look~~ at — this would stimulate an interest in the meeting and make it more instructive for all

Sincerely & fraternally

Wood.
You need not return this letter.

May 31. 1907.

My dear Wood.

All your letters (even the one mailed at ten o'clock last night) have reached me & the present writing will convey to you three pertinent facts:

1. That this is to be a book & not a letter
2. That I have not yet found ~~any~~ supply of regular letter-paper & am using my daughters' copying-books as a makeshift.
3. That you must be prepared for a disappointment.

As nos 1 & 2 require no further comment, let me get to no 3 at once.

In the Appleton sale I secured for you absolutely nothing. As Steigerwalt started every gold dollar @ 2.30 & every three dollar gold piece @ 4.25 you can readily understand that about everything else went correspondingly high & here are the prices:

39.	— 80	1448.	16.25
42.	— 4.20	1449	10.75
1445	— .80		
1446	— 2.80		

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The attendance was very large & the following shows you how absurd some of the prices were. Mr. Moritz (who usually gives me very good bids) sent as follows:

731.	His bid	8.00	Sold	14.00
734	"	6.00	"	15.25

These two bids will give you a fair idea of the ridiculous prices realized.

During & after the sale I met Sears, Mitchelson, Hills, De Witt Smith, Breton (of Montreal) & a host of others. If Comparette was there I certainly did not see him.

As Hidden & De Witt Smith are both going to fight it to a "finish" on the Ormsby in the sale of June 20 at London, I made a proposition to them to agree on this & other rarities in Territorial gold in said sale & then to pay my expenses & send me over there to bid for them. Up to the present time they have not answered my suggestion altho' I told them that I must have a reply by June 1. The Secy of the Treasury has recently tacked on an additional 200 to my salary (making we need $2200 per annum) & if I strike the Collector for six weeks leave of absence I do not know how kindly he will take it; hence I told them I must have an early reply, as in an extreme case I can get the leave provided I take it without pay, which of course, is my last resource.

Before concluding my remarks on the Appleton sale I would say that none of Wrights' bids interfered with yours, as he was principally after certain medals. Here are a few notes:

9.	Sold	25.25	
12	"	17.25	
27	"	6.50	
200	"	275.–	
207	"	24.–	
210	"	29.–	
242	"	135.–	
645	Sold	27.00	(worth about $9.00
739	"	20.–	
832	"	60.–	
837	"	65.–	
973	"	25.75	(a "rank" specimen.
1406	"	310.–	

Part II. is promised for next autumn.

And now for the Association matters:

Forrer & Meili would be good men to put in as Honorary members. I would add Zambaur & possibly Serrure. Meili's fine catalogues I have seen. Woltz gets them gratis by some arrangement with Meili himself. They are "complimentary" copies I imagine, given in return for South American coins which Moritz sends to him.

Libbie, I have heard, have received a coin collection, but there are not enough lots in it to make a days' sale. They have written to Steigerwalt to furnish them with enough stuff to fill out. The Anderson Auction Co. (book-sellers) also expect a coin collection & if they get it, I am to catalogue it for them. I suppose it will be trash — modern English sovereigns, &c.

What follows, please regard as strictly confidential. In a previous letter you express the wish that I retain some kind of an office on the new slate. As a simple member of the Board of Governors this might do, but in case Zerbe is elected I had better drop out altogether, as he & I are certain to clash. You may not be aware that he has already built castles far beyond the Presidency. In his last personal interview with me, he informed me that if he obtained possession of the magazine, he proposed to run it on an entirely different plan. About twenty pages each month were to be devoted to what he calls a "banker's guide" (whatever that may be). From his conversation I infer it is to be hints to all paying-tellers as to what new coins are issued, rates of exchange, depreciation of certain South American silver standards, statistics of coinage &c &c.

He is also going to make strenuous efforts to have his brother appointed as librarian & have the library of the Assn removed at once to Tyrone Penna.

Now of course, he is not elected yet, & I am not very enthusiastic ~~tha~~ about having him gain the office. If Heath sells him the good-will of the magazine &c. some of these schemes are feasible, but if the firm of "Zerbe & Zerbe" propose to run the "Numismatist" & the Assn according to their ideas, the sooner I get out the better & perhaps you will find yourself in the same canoe with me ere long.

I have received letters from the Secretary of the Columbus Society & from Jenness (who has just returned from Rome). The contents of the former you know & Jerrems makes an indirect bid for holding the meeting in Chicago. According to Wright's idea (see letter enclosed) I am to appoint the place of meeting; though I think it would look better if I send the appointment to you & you mark it "approved". I shall wait for the next number of the magazine & see what communications appear & then render a decision. I am doing this because Zuber is going to publish a letter setting forth the advantages of holding the meeting at Jamestown, & I do not want him to say that I "rushed" the meeting through, without giving him a chance to be heard. Between ourselves, however, I shall almost certainly decide between Columbus & Chicago.

If either of these cities, or rather their members, provide the proper entertainment facilities, I hold that it is only fair & proper that the next President should come from their locality, & as I ~~told~~ wrote Jerrems, I will under no circumstances "boom" myself for the office & if the members wish to retain me they must do the nominating. As Wright says, it is an empty honor, that entails a quantity of correspondence & the only reason I like to hold the office is because European collectors & correspondents imagine it to be a ~~las~~ more dignified position than it really is. If they came over here they would rapidly be enlightened.

As to Rice & the cabinets. This active member & correspondent will probably be present at any meeting held out West× & we will deal with the matter when we see him. If he should not be present then let us put the matter on the shoulders of the new President of the Board of Governors — it will give him something choice to break his hand in.

Rice & Lighthouse should be dropped, as they are useless & Steigerwalt & Tuthill are such pronounced dealers that they had also better be left out×

If it comes to a clash with Heath, I

paper to be left out of it, so I think that if driven to the wall Heath can tell the Assn. to go to hell & that he will continue to run his paper as he pleases. In that event we would be the sufferers & not he, for while he would continue to get plenty of subscribers we would be compelled to get another magazine, (possibly Elder's) to print our reports.

Your carbon copy I return herewith. The individual who makes a complaint should not object to fathering the complaint. If the objector's name is not published it looks bad & the man complained of does not know who he is fighting against. I think that if a man is a "crook" he ought at least know who he has offended & who makes the charges against him.

We are getting tolerably well settled by this time in our new quarters. The first few days a number of boxes &c. were piled up in the middle of the floor & when I desired to get to my bed in the corner I had to do climbing like a Rocky-mountain goat. There are two saloons & a tobacconists shop not very far off, so I feel quite at home.

June 1.

You say that you spent last Sunday in Zaniffville - well I spent it in Paterson. Mr. Vreeland invited Hidden, Sinkoff, Fordyce & myself & we had a rather jolly party. Vreeland likes to collect the largest coins obtainable & he has as many triple crowns as the average collector has double ones, while his quadruple & quintuple (a fact) specimens are two of the former & one of the latter. Anything, not medallic, & yet of about the size of a soup-plate is what he is after.

Mitchelson wants me to come up this summer see his new house. He told Hills in my presence that he wishes us all to meet there & if such a reunion can be effected I shall certainly be one of the party.

As you can see from the enclosed letter

I am appointing Imhoff as one of the Local Secretaries + if you concur in my election + will write him that you have heard something of a certain numismatic "bow-wow" in Paterson. I think that you can get him to write the matter up in a few paragraphs. It will please him + at the same time convey to him an idea of what is expected of him.

As to my other appointments you will note that I have followed your suggestions pretty closely. A second lot of appointments can be made when we hear from the two Societies + from Duffield. Mr. Lyons I have added. He seems to have plenty of time + was very helpful to me in looking up data concerning Cogan, Warner, + other Philadelphia dealers.

I never proposed you as a member of the Belgian Society for the reason that you would receive only two numbers of the magazine this year instead of four as your election would be so late. I shall be writing to them next week + if they agree + send you four numbers (i.e. the entire year) the election can stand, otherwise not.

Here is something that may be of interest to you. You sent me in one of your letters some time ago a tracing of the quadrussis which I suspect you took from Macdonald's recent book on "Coin-types". It was not the ordinary type, i.e. with the bull, but the rare one with the elephant.

In the Strozzi sale, held at Naples last month, specimens occurred of the triens & uncia (same type) and I left a bid of 105 francs on each of them. A few days ago I received a notice that they were unable to obtain them as bids were too low. I imagine that these are *very rare* types; I certainly have never seen them catalogued before.

Jevons' letter & my reply as well as my answer to the Columbus Society I shall send you in a subsequent letter. I have given you a big enough dose this time I think.—

Shall register this as I do not propose to rewrite it, in case it goes astray. Sincerely

A.R. Frey.

June 10. 1907

My dear Wood.–

Please read the enclosed letter to Henderson & if satisfactory to you drop it in a letter box. I can do nothing more until I hear from him, but as soon as I do I will forward the formal announcement to you for your approval.

Jerrems latest letter I enclose. The former one in which he mentioned Chicago I have destroyed, but in a letter to him I asked him what he thought of Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, or Columbus & he appears to be satisfied with any of them ~~by~~ from what he says in the present inclosure.

In looking over the new list of members I fail to see Clapp's name of President, Pa. – The young man, I mean, the father I believe is dead. Now he is a great friend of Sears & Mitchelson & when you write to either of these, get them to ask him to join.

Goodbody & Co moved on May 1. to 80 Broadway so change H.C. Miller to that address.

I did not know that Miss Eaton kept up her subscription.

The library gets 30¢ each (so they say) for the Proceedings & Transactions of all learned Societies, &c. You can pick out what you want at that figure if you only desire a few numbers. They expect you to pay the expressage both ways however. I shall be going there again on Wednesday or Thursday & will send you the whole thing to select from.

I am sending you pp. 75 et seq of the Appleton sale. I had marked with a * a number of the gold coins which appealed to me on account of their beautiful condition but did not secure any. Hidden bought every lot from 1410 to 1440 & 1447 to 1457. He gave me unlimited bids to buy them all & Steigerwalt was the only bidder against me. What Hidden wants to do with these things I do not know — probably he does not know himself. I specially desired nos 1450 & 1451 & would have willingly exceeded Wright's bid, but H. wanted them all. Wright as you can see obtained 1404, 1405, & 1407. I mean Lighthouse who secured practically nothing.

De Witt Smith did not reply concerning the European project & Hidden says that he is going over himself. Hesslein I suppose you know has gone over already.

I did not know that Serrure was dead — at any rate the safest plan will be not to make mention of his name at all.

I expected that Zube would have a letter in this number "booming" Jamestown, but as he has not received an appointment there he has probably abandoned the idea. As to the Presidency I cannot nominate myself, though I should like to have it & I will not let any N.Y. man put my name forward. I have replied to Jerrems letter & he may start it; Marcuson insists on my running & when you write Hills, Sears or Mitchelson tell them to put my name up to Heath. In the letter naming the date of the Convention (which you will get later as soon as I hear from Henderson) I will call for nominations & in a subsequent number I will come out squarely & urge all the members to vote for you as Secretary, but I think it best that you do not mention my name as many members are aware that we are as thick as molasses.

Zube I think is out of the race but it would be only courtesy to offer it to some Ohio man if the meeting is held in Columbus. If he refuses then Ohio must have the 1st V.P. & also be represented on the Board of Governors.

If Zube does not attend & sends a proxy we can simply throw it out if Heath says the dues are not paid. And speaking of proxies, I want them all to come to you. Every member should receive a proxy except those residing in the town where the meeting is held. The best way to insure a full vote is to buy the socalled *return* postal cards & while the upper one is addressed to the member, the under one should have your address *printed* on the face & the blank proxy on the reverse. For Canada you will have to write to Gibbs or Heal & ask them to send you some 1¢ Canadian cards which have to be sent in an envelope to the members there.

Secretaries. I have promised nothing, so let Adams act for N.Y. & New Jersey & if he refuses try E. Smith, Jr.

Yes I heard through Negreen (the stamp man) that Adams was President of the Wells Banking Co. Imhoff is going to get me the standing of the concern on the quiet from Dun or Bradstreet. If I meet Morrison at the convention I shall make him wise.

This is all I can think of. I will attend Elders sale, but Lows I understand will be largely So. American medals &c & shall not bother with it as he sends me no catalogues.

Do you suppose that Heal seriously meant it that we should have a convention in a foreign country — does not the man know that every one of our proceedings would be void?

Sincerely

A.R. Frey

A. R. FREY,
1033 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

June 16. 1907.

My dear Wood:

The enclosed letter from Elder should be filed away with the papers bearing on the G.C.A. case.

I also send you the "feeler" from Zerbe. I ~~told~~ wrote him that I had decided to hold the Convention in some western city as I did not propose to repeat the experiment of Buffalo & St. Louis & have an exposition overshadow our proceedings. I will keep him guessing for a while where it is to be held.

Heal's suggestion I consider as one of Heal's "jokes". I think that if we hold our meeting in British or Canadian territory all of our transactions are void.

Henderson's letters you had better read as I wish you to keep posted of every step of the proceedings. I suppose that they should also be kept as preliminaries to the correspondence which will result in connection with the meeting.

As soon as Henderson gives me the desired information I will forward to you all the papers on which I would like to have either your approval signature or any suggestions to make.

Sincerely

Frey.

[illegible]
[illegible] LINCOLN PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

June 21.

My dear Wood.

The enclosed letters require no explanation. Will you please supply the street number on the envelope to Henderson — I have forgotten it. If anything occurs to you please write same to Henderson — you can put your letter in with mine. I want to have a regular programme mapped out & if we do hold our meeting in a large public library I want the trustees of the Institution to feel that they made no mistake when they allowed us the use of their rooms.

If you wish to you might sign the notice calling for a Convention, but if you do then Wright may feel aggrieved because he has not signed it & we have no time to send it to him & perhaps have it pigeon-holed.

The second days' session could be devoted to discussions on various subjects. The uniform standard of classification as to condition that you have mentioned would be a good topic. I shall advocate the purchase of numismatic books &c. by libraries.

No, it will not do, I think, to have Zerbe as the Chairman. I want to eliminate him & his brother altogether. If it comes to a close fight then I shall propose that as the Ohio men have taken so much trouble to make this meeting a success they should have all the offices, except secretary and treasurer. I shall adopt a sort of "dog in the manger" policy — if I cannot be selected I will do my best to defeat him.

Stickney catalogue I have seen & shall send a few bids to Chapman, but I am afraid that everything will be protected as the concensus of opinion here is that Chapman is practically the owner.

Did you bid on the last lot in Elder's sale? Moritz gave me a bid of $35.00 & Elder was bidding in the twenties, but dropped out. Steigerwalt, (who was present) finally secured them for $40.00. It was a nice collection.

The quarter-eagles in the same sale belonged to Mitchelson (his 3d set, as he calls it). Many of them were bought in by Elder under the letter M. Saw E.H. Adams at this sale also. He could not take any such office as he says his newspaper work keeps him too busy. Smith has plenty of time & would be a good man.

Do you want me to appoint Henderson, Low, & Lyons in the regular way — I mean on a separate appointment? Send the original appointment sheet back & I will insert them in my handwriting. Am too tired tonight to write any more.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey.

Thank you for the coupons. Henderson's letter can be filed temporarily & destroyed later.

[illegible]
[illegible] PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

June 24.

My dear Wood

Yours received today. Add anything to the enclosed that may suggest itself.

When you write to Heath send him the enclosed clipping. Sears introduced me to Clapp at the Appleton sale. He & Mitchelson know him much better than I do.

As to papers. If I get hold of Hidden I am going to ask him to attend & give us a resume of his investigations of the Bechtler family, a condensation from his proposed book. I myself shall not read a paper but will give an address entitled "What NOT to collect," as we have had so many hints on "What to collect."

Higgins probably knows all about the Adams matter as Elder is taking good care that it is properly noised around. He shows Lambert's letter to every collector that comes in.

If anything else occurs I will write you again.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

A. C. [illegible]
1081 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

June 29. 1907.

My dear Wood:

Yours received. Note letter from Henderson enclosed. I did not think that he would be satisfied with such a minor office as librarian. I wanted him for 1st V. P. or for Chairman of the Board as he is energetic. Of course if he wants it, let him have it, but it seems to me that he is too valuable otherwise.

Mitchelson dropped in yesterday on his return from Phila. He was rather disgusted with the sale & repeated (what I knew already), that Earl had advanced the money & that Chapman was compelled to buy in certain coins no matter what prices they brought. Other coins, like the 1815 half-eagle were loaned & these also were bought in. Of course Mitchelson voted Chapman as big a fake as can possibly exist & De Witt Smith is of the same opinion. I am enclosing you some cuttings of the sale which you can forward to Heath when you write him, but I understand that the Phila. papers (especially the Enquirer) had much lengthier accounts.

I have written to Smith & if you do not hear from him pretty soon I will take the trouble to hunt him up personally. If he writes you & does not accept then appoint Imhoff who is covered by my letter. I have filled in the names

after a while I will find my blue envelopes. I have two items already jotted down to talk over with you when I see you.

of Leon & Smith & have left two lines blank for you to make additions. Any of those that do not accept you can draw a line through. As to a man in the far West, I suggest Mathis, who was one of our first members & who I think would be only too anxious to do something. Another old timer is Jacob Weigel. If you care to do it, then try one or both of them. Westhorpe first occurs to me,

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As to papers & arrangements. I think that we as Officers of the greater Society ought to leave all of these details to the Ohio men, & let them do some of the details. I shall write to Dunham as Henderson suggests & any one else that you or he wishes me to write to. ~~will~~ In regard to papers, I do not want you to feel offended if I advise you not to prepare too elaborate or scholarly a paper. Remember, we are going to have a very mixed audience, and a paper on the odd devices & odd shapes of Oriental coins, (illustrated with specimens), will be more popular I think than a treatise on "whether the masari should be translated pence, or paras." The letter from Surface in last number (page. 161) would ~~make~~ make a good paper for some one

Appointments. If we put Buck, or Coover, or Henderson in as 1st V.P. & ~~give~~ put Marcuson (who will attend) to a place on the Board, will that be enough for Ohio? Then Gibbs as 2d V.P. (or Courteau if Gibbs will not accept) to represent Canada. You are the only New Englander on the list & we ought to put Mitchelson or Sears on, even if they do but little.

Sincerely
A. R. Frey.

A. R. FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN,

July 11. 1907.

My dear Wood

A bottle of mucilage was accidentally spilled on your ~~last~~ letter to Henderson, but fortunately the largest portion fell on the blank half of your last sheet, which I have cut off.

Zerbe was in today & when informed of the time of the meeting, he at once raised an objection, as described in my enclosed letter. As the point he makes is a doubtful one I do not intend to alter our plans. If he is ass enough to get up in the Convention & make his contention you can imagine how popular he will become. Zerbe is going to Waterbury, Conn. on business & he may go to Boston. If he does, you are informed beforehand & will know the point that he is going to bring up.

He is to meet me again next week, when I will have the April number with me down town & show him the exact passage.

Copy of Green's letter enclosed. Please file this for the present. I have written Green & strongly recommended the holding of an auction. If you care to do the same it might be well. I will try & get some lots for him to sell.

Smith's letter enclosed. You can file this or destroy it. Imhoff will accept & I hope that he has written to you ere this. Enclosed is a scheme of officers which Imhoff proposes to send to Heath, as soon as the next number appears. But before doing this please make any changes that you see fit. Of course my slip is only a tabulation, the communication itself will take the form of a letter.

Proxies. I rather favor the adoption of the return postal card & have made a rude dummy, which I enclose. But whether you adopt the single or the double card, be sure to have your name & address printed on the front, otherwise some of them will mail their proxies to me & to Heath & I want them all to come to you. For Canada you will have to use the Canadian 1¢ cards which you can get from Gibbs or Heal & which your printer can print at the same time, but they must go to the Canadian members in an envelope.

It is of course unnecessary (at least it has never been the practice heretofore) to send proxies to members in foreign countries. Under no circumstances mail them before the July number appears, ~~but~~ except if you wish to send one to Hamer or Adolph Hess. I suggest sending those that go the furthest (e.g. Hassler, Westhorp, etc) first in case you do not wish to write them all in one evening. I do not think that it is necessary to send any cards ~~to~~ anyone in Columbus, Ohio & you need send none to me.

N.C. received. I imagined that you were trying to get a complete set of these to have them bound later. If I get more I will try & give you the contents before sending to save you the expressage.

Sincerely
A K Frey.

Cheque also received; thank you.

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July 16-07.

Mr.A.R.Frey,

Dear Mr. Frey.

Many thanks for your July 12th favor, and letter of Mr.Green. I have aready sent him about 200 lots for his Columbus sale which I imagine will be a big success, as there will be many collectors present from Columbus, Chicago, St.Louis and other Ohio andIlls points, with several from Pittsburg. That was a capital idea-the auction.

I have your remittance for my sale of June 19th. Many thanks for same.

I shallattend the meetng at Columbus, O.

Sometime ago I made application to Mr.Grueber of the R.N.S., to become a member. I saw no reason why I should not be a member. I got recommendations from Messrs. Beatty and Smith of this city, in fact Mr.Grueber wrote me that the recommendation of either Mr.S. or Mr.B. would be sufficient as he himself would second the nomination ~~himself.~~ He said he was unable to attnd the May meeting of the Society, but would attend the June meeting and presentmy name then. I have not heard anything from him since, and thought possibly my name was not presented, through the possible objection of some American member to my application. I had written Mr. Howland Wood, who declined to recommend me until a New York member seconded it. I wouldnt ask for a recommendation after a person had written me that way, and I was wondering if anybody had objected, and if so, I would be glad to know why.

Zerbe was here yesterday and would have me dine with him. He is very anxi ious to get the nomination for President of the A.N.A. I told him that I would not champion anybody's cause, if it in anyway jeopardized me in a business way. I should object to anybody's being an officer who either buys or sells coins, or holds auctions. This refers to New York, Chicago, St.Louis or any other place. Z. is not at all bashful about letting us know his ambitions, but the fact that he does buy and sell coins ever in a small way is against his chances. In my humble opinion there will be an animated session at Columbus, I shall be there, as it will give me an opportunity to visit Pittsburg.

Yours very truly,

Thos. L. Elder.

Sunday. July 21.

A. R. FREY
[illegible] LINCOLN PLACE
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

My dear Wood.-

Yours of the 16th & your subsequent postal-card referring to Courteau, received.

I have written Heath a pretty strong letter & have told him that the August number, __must appear__ by Aug. 2d, even if it contains only eight pages, as otherwise it will be a convention without an election. I have yet to hear from him & as soon as I do, I will notify you.

Zerbe is perfectly correct concerning Art III. Sec 6. If Heath comes out on time then proxies can be mailed, but there is no use of having them printed until we see what Heath does.

On the other hand Zerbe is wrong concerning Art V. Sec. 3. The first portion of this section ends with the word "meeting", as the comma indicates, & this has been complied with as you will notice that my call for a convention is dated June 21. I told Zerbe this and he made no ~~p~~ reply, but seemingly acquiesced.

Zerbe, I think, is working quietly to secure the presidency for himself & the librarianship for his brother. He is still in N.Y. (at least he was yesterday) and has called on several of our members. He told me, that it was his intention to start a numismatic magazine on January 1st & asked me

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whether I would occasionally contribute. To this I replied, "certainly". The magazine, he coolly declared, will be of the same size as the Numismatist so that if the latter is amalgamated with it later, there will be no trouble to bind them!!!

Henderson's reply I enclose. Please file it with other documents relating to the convention. The clipping is from a Columbus newspaper; I think that the local press will report us all right & as E.H. Adams has promised to attend, probably the Associated Press will look after us also.

Elder's letter also enclosed. You see he has not given up his idea of becoming a member of the Royal Society. He has now put it up to me & has asked me whether I would propose him. I told him "yes", but advised him not to join before Jan'y 1. 1908, as he would have to pay $10. dues from now until Jan'y 1. He agreed to this and I have postponed the matter for a while, but eventually I suppose he will get in, as he can get Baldwin to help him if I should refuse to act. I assured Elder that no one to my knowledge had raised any objections to his becoming a member. I suppose you saw him during his stay in Boston.

This brings me up to date in my correspondence with you, I think.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey

I herewith favor the following officers for election at the meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio, on September 2. 1907, and following days.

For President. - ______ .
For 1st Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - ______ -
For 2d Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - ______ .
For Secretary -
For Treasurer -
For Librarian and Curator - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Name ______

A.N.A. No. Address ______

93 Perry Street
Brookline. Mass.

Dear Sir.

Kindly fill in such names of officers as you wish ~~to vote~~ for at the Convention of the American Numismatic Association.

If you have no particular choice [illegible] to express for any particular officer, then leave the line opposite his name vacant.

Please return promptly.

Howland Wood.
Secretary

U.S. of America
Return Postal Card.

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Mr. Howland Wood
93 Pearl street
Brookline. Mass.

A. S. FREY
[illegible] LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

July 29.

My dear Wood.

Heath has certainly "made good" & I give him credit for getting the magazine out on time. I am rather sorry, however, that he did not publish *all* the names that were sent in for nominations. Unlike our previous conventions I am determined to conduct this one in a parliamentary manner & one of the first things that will come up, is who are eligible for office. Under Sec. 6. Art III., I shall hold that only those whose names are published *at least* 30 days prior to the election are eligible. This ruling will include all on Imhoff's list (page 233); Zerbe, who slips in on page 234; and Steigerwalt who is eligible on account of his nomination on page 200.

Of course we must have a debate on this point, as when the meeting takes place a number of other names will be proposed & it will be necessary *to break our constitution* to admit them. This is a dangerous precedent & I shall point it out to the members.

Heath evidently considers Zerbe's nomination as a kind of a joke, & his allusion to "the whole bunch" seems out of place & undignified in the pages of a magazine, tho' it may do in conversation or in a private letter.

Zerbe, before going home, called on me once more & in the course of conversation asked me point blank whether I was running for President. I told him "yes & no" & added that the three Frey brothers were a d-d proud lot, all of them. That * if the members gave me 11 or 17 or 21 proxies, they could keep them & I would immediately get up & request that they be given to somebody else.

If on the other I received 60, or 100 or even more proxies I would feel that it would be my duty to run as it would prove that I was the choice of so many. He assented to this & seemed satisfied.

As most of the proxies will go to you or to Heath I told Zerbe that I proposed to make a Committee on Credentials consisting of five, viz: three from the officers & two from members of the A.A.A. who happened to be present. I ~~had~~ think that you ought to be chairman of this committee & let Heath & Zerbe serve with you. Will that be satisfactory to you? Then I can add two disinterested members from the outside.

As Heath made a blunder & mailed the proxies, it will not be necessary for you to send any out. I think. But of course any one who will attend can receive them & probably a share of them will be mailed to you. I enclose Moritz' proxy, & at the meeting shall read a letter from him in which he declines any office whatsoever.

Another thing. Please do *not* inform me how many proxies you get & how the vote goes. In case there should be any "scrap" I want to go to the Convention with clean hands & be able to say that I do not know anything concerning the vote. If I receive any proxies I will mail them to you.

You fellows are all right, but I have to make a speech in reply to some Honorable (or does it mean "honest") & I am up against it for fair. However, I will do my best.

Henderson is coming East this week or next. He goes to Boston first & comes here afterwards. You can show him this letter & as much of my other correspondence as you wish. When you

~~Saw Hallenbeck a few days ag~~

see Henderson please settle with him what hotel to stop at & I will go to the same place. We want a central one & European plan. I generally pay about $1.00 a day (meals extra) & as you say, we can use a room together.

Saw Hallenbeck a few days ago. He tells me that Wright will probably not attend. Wright is opposed to having any one serve more than three years & will vote for an entirely new slate. Now if Wright should attend I am going to have some fun. He was appointed Chairman of some committee at St. Louis & I am going to call on him for a report. Can you find out readily for me what that Committee was supposed to do?

I am also going to sound Heath on the magazine, but I am afraid that he wants to hold on. Heath knows that he has a good working staff of contributors now.

I shall leave here I think on the night of Saturday Aug 31 and reach Columbus some time Sunday afternoon or toward the evening. I shall go either by the Pennsylvania or Baltimore & Ohio, via Pittsburg, as that is my most direct route & return the same way. I have an invitation from Marcuson to spend a day or two in Cleveland & he will take no refusal, as Mrs. Frey always has him here ~~be~~ when he comes to N.Y. If I can manage it I also want to spend a day fishing for big bass on one of the great lakes & may bring a pole with me. On the way back I will try & stop over at Pittsburg to see Gies' collection & then get home. I want to do all this inside of about twelve days, so will have my hands full.

Elder & E.H. Adams will go from N.Y. Probably Vreeland and Imhoff. I will write to De Witt Smith & Wright. Gies has promised to come. Be sure and settle with Henderson as to the hotel & I will have Heath & Marcuson there too. Sincerely A R Frey.

for members

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[illegible]
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Aug 5.

My dear Wood:

The enclosures represent what has come in since I wrote you last & you had better take care of them. I have written to Schachne & enclosed a new blank ballot, (of which I have several) & told him that he must have some preferences & if so to state them & to mail a revised ballot to you. A later dated ballot will of course annul the previous one.

Concerning Mr. Archer I know nothing & if you find that he is a member in good standing you might accept the ballot. Please insert your name where I have crossed of mine. Schachne's letter you might keep for the present.

Henderson is here. I took him to dinner & showed him a bit of N.Y. on Thursday & Friday & am to meet him again ~~to~~morrow. He is to arrange for hotel accomodation for us when he returns & will notify both of us. He told me that some private families rented rooms for 50¢ a day & asked me whether I would go to a private house. I said "yes" & all that I could save on hotel accomodation I would put into Green's auction sale, even if I secured some things that I did not exactly want. Of course all meals are extra, but as everybody wants a different kind of breakfast or dinner that will not matter. I told him it would be a good plan to have us all at one hotel, but he intimated that would be impossible as the hotels would be packed during their home-coming week.

I will write to Duffield. If Gies goes, then I will try & arrange to meet Gies & Duffield in Pittsburg on Sunday morning & we will all reach Columbus by Sunday afternoon.

Why not add Farrer to your list of Honorary Members, then we can introduce their names all as one lot. I have no others to propose. Of the five signatures required I will get Moritz & my own, yours will be three, then you get Malcolm Storer or John Robinson & we will leave it open for Heath to put his signature in as number five. Be sure & have every speech & document in duplicate, so that we can hand Heath all the manuscripts later on for publication. Some of the originals you will keep for filing & Heath will get things mixed if we do not furnish him with copy. We did this at St. Louis & he arranged them in consecutive order for publication.

Henderson tells me that the newspaper men will be there with their cameras & will sell us photos of ourselves for 50¢ each. I ordered two.

That was a good notice in Spinks. I had not seen it & thank you for calling my attention to it. Forrer described Merriam in the April number (Col. 9769) and gave me credit.

The May number gives a total of 435 members. You will keep track of additions & assuming that they will reach 450, we will require 1/3 (or 150) to transact business under Art. V. Sec. 2. Assuming that twenty are present, we need 130 ballots & if that number are not in by the middle of this month I will chase after the N.Y. & vicinity members & you do the same with the Boston ones. I will write to Heath & tell him to bring some blank ballots to the Convention to enable those in the room to vote & hand their ballots to the Committee. I do not think that Henderson & Zerbe will get many ballots, in fact I did not think that I would receive the two enclosed, but Heath will have a large number.

What I meant to say was is that when you have to make a speech *in response*, you are up against it, because you do not know what the previous speaker is going to say & have no time to frame an answer. It is different when a man can prepare a speech or report in advance & much easier. I suppose the "Honorable" is some member of Congress & I only hope that he does not know very much about coins.

I have been keeping "bachelor's quarters" since July 1st. The Miss & Mrs. are up in the Catskills & will not return until about the 18th.

Sincerely A. R. Frey.

Henderson told me that Buck asked him whether the V.P. has any very difficult duties connected with it. I told him it was a sinecure.

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A. H. FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Aug 8. 1907

My dear Wood –

Four or five of the circulars of which you enclose a copy have been mailed to me & to two of them were added some very uncomplimentary remarks reflecting upon the sender. He forgot to mail one to me however – did you get one? I think that it may bring him some votes – it would have been more effective, however, if it had been issued two months ago, as many members will have sent in their ballots prior to its reception. I wish to avoid any personalities at the first meeting on Monday night, but if Zerbe begins then I have something in reserve for him.

~~In~~ After calling the meeting to order on Tuesday morning I shall first ascertain whether a sufficient number are represented under Art. v. Sec. 2. If such is the case I shall read Art iii. Sec 6. to ~~them~~ the members present, & have it discussed. I hold that I am construing it correctly, but such construction necessarily debars the names of many good men, among whom we may find some active workers.

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There is another matter that we might take in hand, or rather the Committee on Credentials should attend to it. Suppose, I will say, that Mr. Morey mails you a ballot with his name signed at the bottom, & nothing else. What disposition is the Committee to make of this, in case of two or more candidates for an office? It would be unfair to give them all to me & it would be equally unfair to give them all to Zerbe, & it would be most unfair of all for the recipient of the ballot to fill it in to suit himself, before he brings it to the Convention. I am very sorry that Heath blundered as he did, as a postal-card I think would bring out a larger vote. Many members are careless & lose the sheet.

If you still have them, I wish that you would bring with you to the Convention those doggerel verses that Higgins wrote. I think they would be great at the smoker. I lent mine to Zerbe & have asked him to return them, but he has not done so. Zerbe took the verses relating to himself very unkindly.

Zerbe wrote me in his last letter of a proposition that several of us travel together. I told him that this would be impossible, that you would go by the N.Y.C. I would use the Baltimore & Ohio & he uses the Penna. I suppose that Henderson told you that Heath was his guest &

will stop at Henderson's house. I shall write to Henderson by this mail & suggest a hotel & not a private house for us & separate rooms. Your idea is a good one & I had not thought that it would look cheap, but it will. Next week I will be able to tell you the exact train that I leave by & the time of its arrival. If you change your plans & leave Boston by train on Saty' morning you can leave N.Y. on same evening & reach Columbus the following afternoon. It will take you longer however.

The proposals concerning the Honorary Members you must let me keep a few days longer. I will return them next week. We can get Heath & others to sign them at Columbus when we get there. Please do *not* send them to anyone else, as I do not wish any information to leak out beforehand concerning what ~~[illegible]~~ signatures I can obtain.

I wrote to Heath yesterday & told him to bring plenty of blank ballots with him in case we wanted to take a vote of those present ~~in~~ at the meeting, said ballots to be handed to the Committee just before they retire.

As you have so many Honorarys I will let Forrer go this time. At the next Convention his great book will be finished & it will be time enough then to make him "Hon." I think.

I have written Zerbe that I proposed to appoint as a Committee on Credentials *five members*. Heath to be chairman, you and he to go on, and two

members whom I will select out of the room. (4
As Elder has a number of proxies (so he told me) I may put him on + if Zerbe's brother is present I will add him, because the Zerbe family must not feel slighted.

If Chapman comes (i.e. Henry Chapman) I hope he will not eat buns + apples during the Convention as he does at the auction sales.

Enclosure may be of interest, though probably you have seen something to this effect yourself.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey,

Aug 12.

1383 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood:

The mail that brought me your letter announcing that Low had issued some circular, also contained another letter referring to this matter and the writer thereof is urging me to get out a circular to counteract the same & to mail it to all of our members. Of course this I must decline to do, as if I cannot be elected without resorting to such methods I do not wish to be elected at all.

You will please note therefore, & announce to the Committee on Credentials after said committee has adjourned for conference:

1. That if I receive a minority of the votes you will withdraw my name immediately.
2. That if not elected to the highest office, I refuse to hold any office whatsoever. *This is positive.*

The enclosed letter from Hills is a specimen of what I receive every few days. I have written him, & you or Heath will hear from him in a few days. I do not care to receive any proxies myself, & refer everyone who asks me to Heath or Yourself.

Low is furious on account of a big collection that I have thrown in the hands of the Anderson Auction Co. & announcement of which will be made later. On top of his misery Elder has succeeded in obtaining the great collection of tokens, war-cards &c. belonging to J.N.T. Levick & these will be sold by him in October.

As I said before I hope that personalities will not be indulged in, but if Chapman brings up the Frossard matter he will be ruled out of order at once.

Concerning the details of the Committee on Credentials & the method of voting, it will make too long a letter to write same & I will have a conference with you, Heath, Zerbe & others as to the methods we will adopt. A certain fixed rule was adhered to both at Buffalo & St. Louis, (to the effect that the Committee retire to another room & announce the result later); but I see no reason for adhering to this method if the majority deem otherwise.

As the list of those who are not entitled to vote is probably much smaller than those who have this privilege, I suggest that you make out a list of the former & admit all other ballots. This will save you considerable trouble.

I have not seen Low's circular as yet, but I will have it tomorrow. Since he & Chapman have joined forces once more, it looks as if Zerbe was the dealer's candidate & that may do him harm with the bona-fide collectors.

Sec. 2 of the by-laws. I am afraid that I can do nothing there to help you. If Zerbe is elected his term of office begins Jany 1st, 1908 & he can immedietly ~~appoint~~ fill the committees. As I understand it, I have no power to do so now. If I am elected I should like to have Green on the library committee & Duffield on that of printing on account of his typographical knowledge. Beyond these two I have no choice.

Can you furnish any Rebellion tokens *with* *merchants'* *names* at 2¢ each? I can stand say about 200 if they are all different & you will put them on our exchange account. But if you have them, don't send them but bring them with you to Columbus & hand them to me there.

Well that is about all. The proposals for Hon. Members will have to wait a few days longer.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

J. L. FREY
[illegible] LINCOLN PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Aug. 15.

My dear Wood.—

I have just found the specimen card that I made up some time ago. Possibly you may wish to keep it as a specimen. I think this card would have brought out a full vote so far as the U.S. is concerned, as some members are careless + lose the loose ballot.

Any letters that I send you, such as enclosed, you need not return unless I specially mention it. I am sending these things to you simply because I think you ought to be posted as to the doings of all of our members.

Sincerely
Frey

I have not been able to see Louis' circular yet.

[illegible]
1068 Lincoln Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

August 15.

My dear Wood.–

I enclose you a number of letters that have reached me. None of these need be returned to me; some you may wish to keep until the Convention is over, but at any rate read them all. Jeff's name (see Heal's letter) you can add to the "black-list". I bought some coins for him at an auction five or six years ago & had trouble to get my money from him.

Hallenbeck writes me that Wright will try to attend. I wish that you would write to him & urge him to do so. If he goes you will have company all the way from Albany to Columbus. Tell him that we need his signature to some suggestions for Honorary Members. Hallenbeck says that Wright is disgusted with Zerbe's methods & that he will back me up. So you can talk Convention business with him all the way.

It is now definitely settled that I leave N.Y. on Saturday evening, Aug 31. at 8.30 on the Cleveland & Cincinnati Express via Penna. R.R. & am due in Columbus, Sunday at 1.40 p.m.

Have not heard from Henderson yet. If it so happens that he does not write, I shall go to the Neil House.

On Marcusons two proxies I have inserted my name. I think that I am entitled to them as you can see from his letter.

Now I suggest that we have a meeting of the Board of Governors & the Officers on Monday say at 2 p.m. to discuss Ways & Means.

We have never had a meeting & it would look well if we did have one. There will be present Wood, Frey, Zerbe, Heath & Duffield with probably Wright & Gies. We can then debate upon the order of business to be taken up & settle the disputed paragraph at this meeting.

Sincerely
Frey.

Do not destroy the two letters from Elder for the present — Keep until after the meeting.

N.Y. Aug. 12-07.

Dear Mr. Frey.

Z's plan has just come to me: Do you not see that if he gets to be President he will have a cinch in taking charge of all the coin departments of the big expositions throughout the country. There is one going on ~~[illegible]~~ somewhere ~~[illegible]~~ in the United States every year. No President of a coin society has any rightto use his office for any such occupation. Why dont you have some member interrogate Z. at the meeting on this point and see what he has to say about it? It is going to take active work to defeat him , I believe.

Yours, etc

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Have some member write and ask him right away about this, whether if elected he is going to accept the office of Souvenir coin Supt of the various expositions, if offered, or whether he will apply in future for such position.

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Friend Frey.

There is a concerted movement on the part of Z. Low and Henry Chapman to elect Zerbe. L. has issued a letter asking them to send their proxies to H.C.or to Z. and asking them to vote for Z. Why dont you get out a circular letter something after this. It was not the intention of the President to issue a circular letter,etc, but owing to said concerted movement,etc.with personal ends in view,etc. wish to make statement-- should keep the dealers out of the election-etc.etc. You are justified,and while you do not need to go to the obnoxious extremes that Z did in a nnouncing himself before the Association showed that it wanted him ,you can without openly asking their support ask them a few questons and they will take the hint.

Low has treated me and many others scandalously; he is a pompous,conceited and vain and I want to see him out of it as soon as ever.

Be sure and ask in your letter, whether the other candidates have ever been dealers and also whether they have made clear to collectors what they intend to do,what business they intend to engage in. It takes money to live. Is he going to use the society for commercial interest? If you will do this, you can lick him to a finish. As the matter now stands,I can only work quietly for you. dont want to get the ill will of the other faction. But I may make some allusion in the next issue of my magazine, stating what kind of man we want for president,something like this.

We dont want a man who has been or may be in future a coin dealer. We want a man who is honest enough to come out and announce just what he is going to do. etc.

Yours,etc

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Aug. 19. 1907.

My dear Wood.

I have been holding back the lists of the Honorary Members, waiting for Moritz, but as I had a letter from him today saying that he would not be back until sometime next week, I think it better to enclose them herewith. You will find plenty of signatures on them, but if Wright & Heath should be present at the meeting it might be well to obtain their signatures also.

Zerbe has returned the poetry of Higgins & I shall take it with me, & get Heath to read it, if he cares to. The verses relating to G.C.A. & to Hesslein must be omitted — the latter are too personal & may give offense.

I have Low's circular in my possession. I have been carefully going over the files of the magazine for the last three years & I find that Chapman has proposed just *two* new members, (Yates & Walters) during that period, and that Low has proposed *none at all*. It seems odd that these two very valuable (?) dealers, should suddenly take such an unusual interest in our proceedings. I wonder what they have been promised for their support?

I do not think that Low's circular will do the damage that you imagine. In the first place, I very much doubt whether it will reach very many, as Low's list is not very extensive. Secondly, this circular is viewed with mistrust, & two people have already said to me that the signature of the N.Y. & the Phila. worthy, would decide them to vote for anyone *except* the individual mentioned by them.

Now I have old-fogy notions & consider the mailing of a circular as undignified, especially a circular in which I solicit votes. Moreover, I will not appeal to anyone to issue a circular; if I cannot be elected on my own popularity, I do not want the office at all. Elder told me that he is going to print a strong attack on Z. in the next issue of his monthly. I told him to print anything he d-d pleased, only *not* to let me know beforehand what he is going to say.

Who Leon is working for, I do not know. He knows Zerbe & he does not know me, perhaps that influences him.

There is one thing certain. If I am not elected a number of collectors like Miller, Moritz, &c. will resign from the Assn., though they continue to subscribe to the magazine. These men do not care a straw about the Assn. & I have to urge them to take enough interest to vote. They simply joined it because I happened to ask them.

You are perfectly right in not espousing my cause openly. I am only sorry for the next Chairman of the Board of Governors, — he will have his hands full. Why should a President not run two terms — the Treasurer & others do?

I have written Heath & Zerbe calling a meeting of the Board of Governors at 3 p.m. on Monday, Sep. 2. in one of the parlors of the Neil House. I shall write the same to Henderson.

I am due at Columbus on Sunday at 1.40 p.m.

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when do you get in?

Our letters regarding a hotel seem to practically coincide, I suppose therefore that you have mailed mine to Henderson + added whatever you thought proper. If you decide not to have the room with me then I can get Elder, Zerbe, or Marcuson, but we might as well stay together. If we can get single rooms at 1.50 each so much the better, but according to Henderson's letter they "doubled up." —

Of course, the West does not know me at all, × that is where Zerbe has a big advantage as he has travelled all over it. Now remember one thing. If he is elected it is his duty to furnish the Assn with the list of several thousand names which he says he obtained in his visitors book at St. Louis, so that specimen numbers + applications can be mailed to them. Of course many of these will never become subscribers, but he must have obtained some good names.

I suppose that you are prepared to read a "Secretarys Report" (for 3 years) when the meeting opens. I have written Heath to get a Treasurers report ready. I shall also ask you whether a sufficient number are represented by ballot or in person to constitute a majority.

How is Trowbridge? I haven't heard from him lately.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

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August 22nd 1907.

A. R. Frey Esq

Dear Sir.

I desire to inform the members of the American Numismatic Association that I am not a candidate for any office

Yours Respectfully
Christian G. Moritz

Copy of a letter mailed August 22d.

Mr. J. Louis Comparette.
Curator of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:—

The American Numismatic Association will hold its convention at Columbus, Ohio, on September 2d and the following days and the election of officers will take place.

As you can see from the enclosed circular* (which has been mailed to our members), a certain individual is anxiously seeking the office and does not hesitate to announce his intentions.

Mr. Zerbe's contributions to numismatic literature have not impressed me thus far, and he is chiefly known to the members of our Association through his connection with the sale of souvenir coins at the St. Louis Exposition. He has, however, on more than one occasion, agitated the matter of new designs for our national coinage, and this leads me to believe that he is probably well known to the mint officials.

Any information that you can furnish me with, concerning his qualifications and abilities will be appreciated by,

Yours sincerely
(Signed) A.R. Frey.

(*circular of F.Z. enclosed)

A. R. FREY.
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BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Monday.

My dear Wood.—

Just as I expected a letter came from you this evening. Now if there is to be no Secretary's report in extenso there will probably be no treasurers' report. However, I will bring this matter up before the Board at the meeting & it can then be decided what we will do. Probably it will be best to omit both reports.

I shall take nothing but gold & silver siege necessity money for the exhibition, about 20 pieces in all.—No elephants this time, though I have five or six extremely rare specimens.

Now in one of my former letters I may have intimated that I would explode a bombshell at the meeting of the Governors. It is now primed & ready to discharge & yet now that it is all ready I have some compunction about using my weapon. As you will probably be with Dr. Wright a number of hours on your journey from Schenectady to Columbus I want you to show him all of this correspondence & I want you two to put your heads together as to a course of action. Remember, three opinions are better than one & the points that I will ask you & Wright are the following, to which I expect replies.

1. After the circulars issued by Zerbe & Low was I justified in asking for this information?

2. Will the reading of it before the Board of Governors (but not in the Convention) be construed as the final effort of a man who fears the opposition?

3. The letter being of a semi-private nature have I any right to use it at all?

4. Are the Board of Governors justified in asking the accused individual to make a reply thereto?

5. In view of the concluding paragraphs of the letter can the individual referred to be ~~allowed to~~ considered for any office in the A.N.A. whatever, whether he has a majority of the ballots or not?

6. In view of the fact that the officials of the U.S. mint are important factors in the development of American (or U.S.) numismatics, would they give us any assistance in the future if their advice is ignored?

The original letter you will please return to me at Columbus.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

My own replies are:
No. 1. Yes.
" 2 Probably.
" 3 Yes, if of use to the community.
" 4 Yes.
" 5. No opinion.
" 6. No, they would not.

A. P. FREY.
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Sunday. Aug. 25.

My dear Wood.—

Possibly I will receive a letter from you tomorrow & if it calls for any special reply I will try & answer it before I go, ~~such~~ so that it will reach you. I do not leave N.Y. until 8.30 on Saturday night & have written Henderson that I will be in Columbus by 1.40 Sunday afternoon.

There is nothing new. The enclosed letters you had better keep until the meeting is over.

I have asked Henderson to dinner at the Neil House on Sunday evening. Do not know whether he will accept. Are you with us? I suppose so.

Please be prepared to report the exact number of members entitled to vote, as I shall open the meeting by calling upon the Secretary, to state the voting number, so that ~~one~~ third can be computed under Article V. Sec. 2. This having been accomplished I shall declare the meeting opened.

Of course I expect that fully one third will be represented, but it looks better to go ahead with this meeting according to Parliamentary rules, unlike the preceding ones.

I next propose to call on the Treasurer & the Secretary for reports, then comes the appointment of the Credentials Committee.

For the afternoon session we can have new business & miscellaneous business.

This plan I will put before the Board of Governors when we meet & ask for any modifications that they have to offer.

You of course know that Low holds a sale on Sept. 3d. The attendance will not be very heavy I fear.

All other matters when I see you. Don't forget your lead-pencil.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey

. R FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Sunday

My dear Wood –

I trust that you reached the train in time & I suppose that you have been crowded with work during the past week – I certainly found plenty to keep me busy.

Saw our pilot on Friday – he wants to know when you will repeat your visit and says he has a few more surprises for you. If you think that the card should be sent to Heath I will send him one of mine. Can everything be erased on the card (with the exception of the elephant & its riders) by the use of a sharp pen-knife or eraser? In that case we would stand out black on white.

I suppose that you will have to furnish Heath with much of the "make-up" of the next number. If so, please print a list of the various committees. Heath ~~has~~ should get in a decent report even if it takes the entire number.

When I was in Boston last you may remember that I proposed going to Manchester, N.H.: It was to visit S. C. Gould, the editor & manager of the American "Notes & Queries." He is here now & will return in a few days

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via Boston. I have given him your name & Boston address & he may drop in on you during the coming week. He is largely interested in the Esperanto & if you can give him an hour or two some evening, I think that you will manage to like him.

Being a mason I have put him in communication with Wright some years ago & he probably knows some Boston publishers & book-sellers that you do. Do not take him out to any dinner, as he does not wish it, but find some quiet corner in an ale-house where he can drink a glass of beer — you can "size up" a country editor as well as I can.

Have had long letters from Duffield & Wright but otherwise there is nothing new. Was at Imhoff's Thursday & learned that he is going to San Francisco for seven or eight weeks.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey

Gould gets the Numismatist in exchange on his subscription list.

Sep. 29. 1907.

A. R. FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood—

Yes, I think as you do, that Zerbe was treated rather shabbily in the matter of a vote of thanks for his services. Now, if I write this thing out & you have it engrossed & then send it out to get all of the autograph signatures, it will take considerable time & Zerbe will probably get it about the middle of November. I therefore offer the following substitute.

Zerbe was out a good part of the last session, (i.e. after the election) as he went over to the Neil House to get that medal for me, which he had forgotten. He does not know what took place & it would be just as well to work the resolution of thanks among the miscellaneous business. Couple it with mine if you like & let Chapman stand sponsor for both. In other words it could read like this:

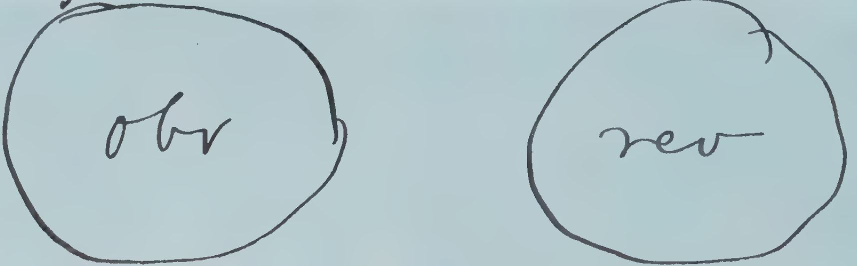
Mr. Henry Chapman moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the President, Mr. F. for the efficient manner in which he conducted the meeting, and also to ~~Mr. Z.~~ Vice President Z. for the exhibit he made and the public lecture which he gave. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

All matters pertaining to the smoker Heath is in possession of. I gave him a draft of my talk & he is going to report his speech (on the history of the A.N.A.) in detail. ~~Your notes should therefore~~ Whether he puts in the Higgins poetry & Zerbe's definitions of money I do not know. All this rests with him.

Your report, I assume will be confined to the proceedings proper. I opened the meeting by calling attention to that paragraph which states that all of our meetings shall be held same as similar meetings of organized bodies &c. (You had better give the number of the Par. in your report).

The Committee appointed at St Louis you will find indicated on Zerbe's letter enclosed, and marked XX. Wright was Chairman of it & if I remember correctly, he reported "progress" & the committee was not discharged. It will be fun to call him up again at Phila. next year & see what he has to say.

After giving Zerbes speech of presentation, you can put in a photo of the medal (Heath can reproduce it)



~~Let~~ draw two circles in your "copy" if you intend to illustrate so Heath's printer will know where to put it.

& then underneath go on as follows:

Mr. Frey thereupon addressed the meeting:

"Mr. Vice-President, and Gentlemen.

Of course you expect a speech and yet you little realize how difficult it is for me to make one at this moment. You have taken me completely by surprise and my gratitude for the beautiful medal that you present me with is so deeply felt, that I am at a loss to find proper expression for my feelings now.

"This much, however, I will say. When I join the "silent majority" my collection will probably be donated to some institution. There is one section, however, which will be retained by my daughter, as it contains personal mementos of her father. This section ~~is~~ consists of a drawer, divided into two compartments, and the central ornament of one of them is the celebrated "number 50", designed by my friend Howland Wood, a copy of which you have seen on exhibition yesterday.

"The other compartment lacks a corresponding central ornament, and I know of nothing that can supply the deficiency better than the exquisite souvenir with which you have honored me today.

"Let me again thank you personally, Mr. Zerbe, and you gentlemen all, my fellow-members, for this recognition."

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The next paragraph in your letter treats of the local secretaryship for N.Y.—Nobody wants it, especially as I have defined one of the duties to be that of "chasing up" delinquents & soliciting new members. Low would be a good man, only I am afraid that the old cry of "dealer among the officers" will be raised again. With the exception of Green we can truly claim to be free of the dealers, then why put them on again? Now Z. is coming to N.Y. shortly & I suggest that you let this matter rest until he gets here. I want him to chase around & get some of the refusals (& perhaps some of the abuse also) & then let him make the appointment.

Elder told me confidentially that Z. is negotiating with him for the purchase of the Elder Monthly & that he (Z.) is coming here again to have a personal interview with him. If the transaction is concluded probably Zerbes brother will be appointed by him (i.e. if the magazine remains in N.Y.) Now this was all told me privately, so for the present treat it as such. The price it appears is no obstacle, it is Elder's private mailing list that is causing the "hitch"

I have anticipated you in writing up the outside matters. About a week ago I sent Heath something as follows:

Dame Rumor attended the Convention and

she says:
That the meeting was a decided success.
That "Honest Joe" and the "Ice man" did nothing
but guard during their entire stay at Columbus
That room 145 at the Neil House was the head-

quarters for the grave and the gay.

That the Association ought to have a poet-laureate.

That Frey does not know how to conduct a meeting

That the Photographer should have put Green, Leon, Wright & the Chapmans in the front row to show off the whiskers of the A.N.A.

That a new algebraic equation is

$$\frac{\text{Heath} + \text{Wood}}{2} = \text{2 men of average weight}$$

——, ——

There were some others but I have forgotten them. See Heath's letter enclosed — he seems to like them. Now why don't you get my copy from Heath & add something to it, so as to make a few more paragraphs. I suggest one as follows:

That Wood was the guest, while in New York of the Hon. D. Macon Webster and President Frey and the following is the result:

Here put in the photo.

Possibly some other "thats" will suggest themselves ~~to~~ you. I enclose my copy of the picture. I think the Keeper, scenery & even the canvas "belly-band" of the elephant should all be eliminated so that we stand out better. The foot-rest should be in the photo. If you adopt this then

~~would~~ call Webster "the Hon." & we will raise "hell" with him in the Custom House about it. The day after you left (Monday) a large lemon was pasted on my desk by some kind unknown friend.

Gould writes me that he went back direct but is coming to Boston soon & will look you up. When he does please note his beautiful NOSE. He has of course received the proper nickname in the Custom-house on account of it.

Received the Dow-Elder documents. Will see Elder tomorrow & report to you later.

If ever you should make more of no. 50 than Keep track of how many you make. The fewer, the better. I ~~would~~ think Wright should have one, but no others. Higgins' "copy" I suppose will eventually wander into the N.Y. Society's Collection.

I shall attend Elder's sale both evenings.

Duffield's son collects street-car transfers & my daughter supplies him. If you get any send them to him. Duffield is taking a very active interest in the badge question.

You need not return any of the enclosures. I shall register this, as I do not want to write it all over again.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey

Schulman & Fuldauer catalogues just received —
I have not examined them as yet.
Bishan-Das is the limit — had a registered letter from him full of coins at exorbitant prices.

Oct 4. 1907.

A. R FREY
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood -

Enclosed are the papers in the Dow - Elder controversy & my reply. I would suggest that you send it to Dow together with a letter saying that you had submitted all of the papers to me & that you had received my answer as enclosed.

Be sure & take a copy of my letter on your typewriter as I have none & a copy must be preserved for future reference, in case the matter does not end here. Elder threatens to publish the whole thing in his Monthly.

I also enclose such portions of Heals' recent letters as will be of interest to you.

Hope you received my last letter in time to make up your notes of the Convention - The next number ought to be a good one.

Sincerely
Frey.

What is your middle name

N.Y.Oct. 9-07.

Dear Mr.Frey:

Dow writes me a saucy letter and goes on something like this " If several of the Numismatists"(I presume he means the officers) think I should return the money for the electrotype, I may do so. Now isn't that a nice manly way to write. His conscience is governed entirely by the decisions of other people. His honesty in the matter you see is entirely an issue of force only; if forced to do so he will return the money, and thus not unless forced to do so.

I sent his letter to Mr.Gies who got the coin, asking for it's return. I will then send it to you, and to Dr.Wright. I think it would be an outrage if the officers would not decide this matter, particularly as Dow evidently fears them. It will cost him more than $2 if he doesnt return the coin; he will get a black eye that will disfigure him for sometime to come if he doesnt return my money.

Yours, etc.

Elder.

Oct 19. 1907.

A. R. FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood.–

By American Express I am sending you today from Elder's Sale:

411	.20
596	1.20
597	1.20
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I also am enclosing such of the Ujain coins as were duplicates & have left Schulman's numbers & description in each envelope for identification. Call these 20¢ each, you to select whatever you like & return the others.

Lastly I have put in the latest epistle from Bishan Das, as I would like to get rid of him & ***generously*** saddle him on to you. Register his letter when you return it & tell him to write to a firm in London called Spink & Son & perhaps (?) they will pay him the prices he asks.

Enclosure need not be returned, but should be filed with the Dow matter. How is this case getting along anyway? I have heard nothing from Dow.

In lot 411, if the token with the rat running through it is a duplicate I will buy it of you

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Saw Mitchelson at the Elder sale + he says that he is perfecting arrangements to have us all up there some Sunday. This would suit me best, as I have taken more than my usual allowance of vacation already + cannot very well ask for much more.

Have you noticed Low's latest move, i.e. to eliminate the buying commission altogether? This I consider a victory for myself, as it was Low who abused me, Elder, + Adams for cutting it to five per cent + now he is compelled to abolish it altogether. Of course Elder will follow suit + in the end the Chapman's will also have to come down.

Let Zerbe appoint Low as Secretary for N.Y., as soon as he is in office. Low ought to accept as he meddled in the election + then we will see whether he is really honest about putting new members in. But I will not appoint him.

The next number of Heath's ought to be good, judging by the length of time it takes to get it out. As to "no 50" make four more as you say + present one to Knight. I think that we ought to keep track where every one goes. The one that Higgins owns I presume will eventually be presented by him to the N.Y. Society

Sincerely,

A.R. Frey

A. R. FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Oct 21, 1907.

My dear Wood.—

Your letter & cheque reached me this evening & I thank you for same.

If you will turn to plate XXIII. (nos. 18, 19, & 20) of the Catalogue of the Coins in the Calcutta Museum, you will find the leaden coins illustrated & they are enumerated on page 211 of the book. I notice that the museum does not classify any with a rider on the back of the elephant, whereas I have a very good one. In my collection are also three with remarkably distinct Sanskrit letterings, & these I assume are ~~what these are~~ what are described on page 211. (nos. 16, 17, 18).

You refer to Meili's death — did you receive one of the elaborate black-bordered circulars from the widow? If their affliction is to be judged by the width of their crêpe it must be deep. I would suggest that you write a brief obituary of Meili & mail it to Heath — I did something similar when St. Gaudens died.

The middle name you ask for is ROMER, but I rarely use it.

Low's innovation of not charging a commission I have already commented on, & can only repeat

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that I hope others will follow the custom. Both the book & stamp men exact no buying commission and Proskey & Steigerwalt charged nothing. I hold that a man has a right to charge any selling commission that he pleases & if he wants 40 per cent for selling & can get an ass to pay him that much, that is an affair between the seller & the ass. But to put a buying commission on top of that is outrageous. Low has not yet favored me with one of his circulars; if he does I will send my bids to him direct.

I really forgot all about Daisy although I saw Moritz last week & may go to his house next Sunday afternoon. I will make it a point to get the address for you & then you can do the rest.

Yes, Eaton is a pretty decent sort of a man. He is on the retired list I believe. Won't spend much money & wants things cheap. He collects Chinese coins & was acquainted with both Fales & Brudin.

I will talk plainly to Elder when I see him. In many respects he is a big baby, & ought to have some common sense pounded into him. He showed me a letter from Zerbe a few days ago in which Zerbe declines to purchase his magazine, alleging that while he (Zerbe) is president, he considers it undignified to associate himself with any other publication than the Numismatist.

Neither ~~Z~~ Chapman nor Mitchelson have appealed to me as yet & I want to keep out of it if possible. I think that a pointed apology ought to satisfy Chapman. Drop me a card when package arrives.

Sincerely
A.R. Frey.

That appendum of Sep. 15, will only appeal to two readers of the magazine, — you & I — & will not be interesting enough for the others I am afraid.

OCT 24 1907

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A. R. FREY,
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Nov. 4.

My dear Wood. –

There has been nothing of importance hence my delay in writing. Mitchelson sent me a letter about a week ago & asked me to try & get to Tariffville last Sunday. He intimated that he would endeavor to get you & Wright & Gies & Campaitte there at the same time provided that I would also come. I told him that from Oct 31 to Nov. 3. had been set aside by the government for our removal to the new building & we were ~~not~~ told not to absent us during that period. The moving is about accomplished now & if he selects some future date I will be on hand, but I told him that beyond a Saturday evening & the greater part of a Sunday I could give him no time – in fact I would have to leave by some late train on Sunday p.m.

These are strenuous times with us – the Xmas goods are coming in thick & the fall dress-goods are giving us plenty to do.

As regards the Dow matter, it stands as follows now. Elder has received the enclosed letter from Dow & he has sent this letter to Gies & then Dow with his letter attached. ~~Elder~~ Dow, as you can see, is playing a waiting game & I told Elder that he had better not write any more letters but to leave it to the Assn. I do not know whether Gies has written to Dow but you know that I have & I think that both Wright & you (if you have not already done so) might write to Dow & express your opinion. If Dow "squares up" with Elder it will end the matter & if he does not we cannot very well remove him. But how any man can say "I consider my stand correct" & then adopt a wavering attitude, is too deep for my philosophy.

I have returned Bishan Das' letter & referred him to Spink & Son of London. When you write to the little sheeny at Fort Worth, Texas, call him down for the last page of his cover & tell him that the new Board of Officers does not go into effect until Jany 1. 1908.

I did not know that old man Morey had such a stock - but perhaps the newspapers exaggerated it a bit. As you are your own local correspondent for the Eastern district I suggest that you write it up for the next number.

The Meili family evidently had those circulars printed by the hundred & handed them to that Journal des Collectioneurs in Geneva to mail. Mine came from the Journal editors. I have not had a chance to compare it with Moritz' copy as I have not been up there recently. Low probably received one also.

Heath certainly did get out a very creditable number. He cut out some of my "Dame Rumor" notes because I imagine he wished the page to end up evenly. Duffield writes me that he sent Heath a letter in which he suggested abolishing the proxy system, but that was also omitted.

I hope Zerbe is not going to make a "numismatic primer" out of the magazine. Had a letter from him the other day in which he suggested that a column of "Queries" be started & I to be appointed the editor. I thanked him, but declined, & told him that the editor of such a column would be flooded with queries requesting the value of a nickel without the word "cents" &c. I have been trying to build up the magazine, but I am afraid that if we cater too much to the American youth it will undermine the work that we have been doing. Let the boys buy Elder & Brodstone & read the columns of the N.Y. Sun — I don't think that the Numismatist is for them.

Will see M. in a few days & try & get the lassie's address for you.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

That is a nice new printed blue envelope that you have adopted.

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[illegible]
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Nov. 14.

My dear Wood—

Nothing of much importance to chronicle. Elder holds a sale on Dec. 19 & the Anderson people on Dec. 20. Have given them your name for catalogues.

I see Stickney's books are to be sold by Libbie of your city shortly. The numismatic collection seems to be a rather antiquated lot — I wonder whether he had modern works & whether the Chapman's got them?

Have signed your vouchers & forwarded them to Heath.

I am afraid that we have not heard the end of the Dow matter. Elder claims that he made a regular complaint & handed it to me, & that I have taken no action. If I recollect rightly instead of forwarding it to Wright I sent it to you & enclosed a letter to Dow. I expected Dow to pay up promptly after the receipt of my letter, but he has disappointed me.

Now I think that the simplest way would be for you to send Elder's original complaint to Dr. Wright & call Wright's attention to Article ii. Sec. 9. If you do not care to do this, then send the complaint back to

Elder & tell him to forward it to Wright direct. I do not recollect exactly how Elder's complaint was worded, but as he evidently made a blunder in sending it to me instead of to Wright, he should be notified that he has sent it to the wrong individual. Some of the complaints against Adams (notably Morrison's) came to me & nevertheless the Board waived the error & acted on them, & did not compel Morrison to write the whole thing over again & forward to Wright, in order to comply with the above section of the Constitution.

Zerbe probably intends to make ~~th~~ Columbus his headquarters as he has had some envelopes printed (see enclosure).

When you get time fix up our account — see slip enclosed.

Sincerely,

A. R. Frey

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FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Nov. 24. 1907

My dear Wood.—

Your letter & the parcel were received several days ago & I thank you very much for your trouble. These later copies of the "No. 50" do not come out as sharp as the earlier ones, but they will do for presentation.

At Zube's request I have carefully approached Elder concerning the local Secretaryship for N.Y. I told him that he had been made the chairman of an important committee & in case Lou should be appointed as the local secretary for this section I expected no opposition from him either verbally or through his "Monthly". This he has promised.

As to other matters, mentioned in your letter. The bills have been sent to Heath long ago & when you write him you might send him the enclosed clipping.

Do not send me any subscribers to Spink as I have mailed my list already. The membership certificates you can send whenever you need them & I will sign them. I shall not make any farewell address as I cannot get it in the December number & it would be inappropriate in the January issue — let it be simply a case of "Le roi est mort — vive le roi."

Yes the new eagles are very pretty — the writing replaced by stars I specially admire as it is novel.

The address you wanted is

Miss Daisy Holden, 200 West 133d st.

Nothing else of importance I think.

Sincerely

Fay

Nov. 29. 1907.

A. R FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood.—

Your letter with enclosures has reached me. I am returning Semenoff's letter as it ought to be filed by you in case he becomes a member. Have not been there yet, but will try manage it some time. It generally takes me a long while to accomplish these things. (e.g. Daisy's address) but in the end it will be attended to.

I have been in correspondence with Marvin lately & told him that there was a long run of his magazine in the Stickney sale. The series was unbound & not quite complete — possibly he bought it.

Of course you have seen the Wilson catalogue of the sale to be held in Boston, Dec. 18. I am sending you a few bids for it which you can execute yourself if you attend or hand to Libbie. I wish especially that you would look at no. 201, (the condition of which is not stated) & if they are all really v.f. raise it to $11.00. But if any are holed or very poor, cross the bid off entirely.

The way this sale is catalogued makes it a good thing for those that can examine the coins but outsiders are buying "un chat en poche". See for example lots 1 to 64.

I do not know whether you have furnished

Libbie & Co with a list of the A.N.A. members —
I have given the list to the Anderson people & told
them that one of their firm should join the
Asn & that they should pay for an "ad" by the
year in the Numismatist.

Elder tells me that Steigerwalt expects to hold
a sale at his (Elder's) place on Dec. 18. — Elder
holds his own sale on the 19th, & Anderson's takes
place on the 20th. As the Boston sale takes place on
the 18th I think that this week in December
will be the champion, ~~sale~~ — not for the duration
of a sale, but on account of four different
concerns making a venture in numismatics.

In sending in your report to Heath you might
call attention to this fact.

I enclose also some clippings which you can
send to Heath to incorporate in Hooper's "restrikes".

Charles Gregory, the stamp dealer in Nassau st.,
has a notice in his window that after Nov. 1.
he will remove to 116 Nassau st. (same building
as Tuttle & Bogert & Durbin) & that Wm. P. Brown
will assume control of his present place & deal
in Stamps, Coins, Curios &c. — N.B. There is no
bath-room attached to the office, so it ought
to suit Brown.

As to the new gold coins, I think that the
A.N.A. should take cognizance of the issue & as
you say compliment the President on it. I am
after Elder, as Chairman of the Committee, to

draw up something & then have two or three members of said committee sign it. I think that it would do no harm if you and I also signed it, by virtue of our respective offices, but for me to "butt in" & assume the whole responsibility, when a special committee has been created for this purpose, will be held by some members as an act of presumption & by the others as a piece of "damned cheek" on my part.

Eaton attends the sales — but irregularly. He told me that he formerly took the Numismatist & was a great friend of Breidin's. After the latter's death, (or murder) he dropped it & I gave him a number or two & a blank & induced him to come into the fold again. He is on the retired list I believe of the U.S.N. & has charge of some kind of naval stores in our Navy Yard here. I will sound him as to the local secretaryship, but when I mention the fact that they must hustle & endeavor to get new members it seems to scare them. I gave Low some bids the other day for his sale & he was very much pleased (?) — at least so he said — to see me again.

Am glad to hear from you that you are lecturing on coins; I think that public lectures & the public libraries are two of our greatest allies.

Sincerely

A. R. Frey

Dec 4

A. R. Frey
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood. —

Elder will write favorably of the new coin but does not want me or you to "butt in" — I am perfectly satisfied if he only renders a good report.

I told him to send it to you after he obtained Chapman's signature & that you would get Waite to sign it, or suggested that he send it to Waite direct.

Excuse paper I am just going out & want to drop this in a box. Sincerely

Frey

A. R. FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Dec. 8. 1907.

My dear Wood.—

It seems that we are to have all of the sales together & I wonder how anyone can find the leisure time to attend to all of them. Steigerwalt's & Low's I will have to let go but will take leave on two afternoons to attend Elder's & Anderson's sales.

In regard to Libbie's sale I of course meant $10.00 for the lot on no. 201 & anywhere from 2.00 to 2.90 will be right if they are in nice condition. Sears writes me that he will attend the sale, so you will probably meet him.

Elder is waiting for Chapman's answer. I will see him tomorrow & report whether anything new has occurred. I told Elder that Waitt ought to sign as he is a member of the Committee.

Bierly writes me that he has changed his address to 6217 Station st. Pittsburg, in case you wish to enter it on the roll. Otherwise nothing new.

When you write to Z. better give him a straight hint not to put me on any committees or similar positions. You can tell him that you know for certain that I will only refuse. Furthermore that I wish to go to Europe next summer & if I go at all I want to go for an entire year. It all depends whether I can get so long a leave of absence.

Sincerely A. R. Frey.

Dec. 27. 1907.

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BROOKLYN, N.Y.

My dear Wood. -

I have purposely delayed writing to you because I wished you to be the last one to receive a letter from me in my official capacity. I shall have some other correspondence between now & January 1st, but nothing to any member of the A.N.A.

And now let me thank you first of all for securing the coin for me & I enclose a cheque for the same. The sale must have been somewhat on the order of Anderson's last Friday. They distributed a number of their coin catalogues among their regular customers for books, engravings, &c. & in consequence they had some outrageously high bids. Proskey attended the sale & was pleased with the result. The manager of the Anderson Company is after him to put a collection in their hands to sell & Proskey has half-way promised. But he thinks that the existing financial strain must first pass over — to some extent at least.

The two tokens you enclosed I will submit to Low & Proskey when I am in their neighborhood.

The new circular of the A.N.A. looks neat & I am glad that you adopted a size that will readily slip into an official no 6 envelope. Now have the Constitution & By-laws printed in the same size & publish a necrology & a list of past officers since our organization.

You will probably receive an application from C.A. Blodgett in Spokane, Wash. (See his little note in the Purchase & Exchange in the last number). I have been in correspondence with him — or rather my daughter has — increasing her collection of view cards. I have found him prompt in his replies & honest in his transactions, & sent him a blank with my signature. For additional details I referred him to you.

Met Eaton at the Steigerwalt sale & suggested that he take the Secretaryship for N.Y. He has declined & (this is private) he has a personal grievance against you! As, however, I have not heard your side of the story, I cannot undertake to discuss the matter until I see you & it would take too long to write it out.

Elder has a grievance too — he claims that Zerbe has not paid him ~~yet~~ for the mileage book as yet which he handed him at Columbus. As Elder tells everybody about the transaction, I think Zerbe is unwise in not settling this matter.

When you write to Heal you can send him the enclosed clipping & tell him Frey is unmasked at last! Put it on thick & I will show you his reply. The fellows in the C.H. are of course guying me about it & say "Now, we know why you went out West last summer."

I want to go to Europe but only if I can get away for an entire year. I have relatives in Hannover & Scheveningen & I want to see Athens, Rome & Egypt. The matter is beyond the jurisdiction of the Collector of the Port, but the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington can grant leave for one year — without pay of course. This I am willing to abide by & will try him next April or May. I can get the Collectors assent to my application but how the powers in Washington will treat it I do not know.

Yes Elder's magazine does not amount to much. I understand that he is trying to get Johnson (of the St. Louis Co.) to buy it & take it off his hands. I think he is sick of it & I shall be glad to see it join hands with Adams' venture & pass into oblivion.

Elder is very enthusiastic concerning the reception that you & Chase gave him in Boston & the things he says of you two would give you swelled-heads if I repeated them.

I had three of the double-eagles, but all that I could get was $24.00. I don't believe all this talk of 30 & even $35.00. I hope that Elder showed you Campanette's letter. When the meeting is held in Phila. there is going to be fun when Z. & Campanette get together.

I sent you the prices after the Elder sale ~~hope~~ no I didn't — so here they are. Sincerely

Fred.

I got a few lots from Schulman's auction (Nov. 14) among others no. 1970. It is even finer than the illustration & better than the one illustrated in B. M. Cat.

Monday.

My dear Wood:-

Elder starts for Boston tonight & will probably have seen you ere you receive this. He showed me Zerbe's letter & Campanelle's reply thereto & I suggested that he take both with him & show them to you, which I hope he has done.

I have written to Chapman to hurry along his verdict & hinted to him placidly that I wanted to get this matter in at once.

Please settle with Elder whether it is best that Waitt sign it also.

If you want enclosed at $1.25 put it on the exchange account. Tis a duplicate sent me.

Sincerely
Frey.

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Jany 15. 1908

My dear Wood.—

Both of your letters & the package of books received for which I thank you. I will write to Hamburg & thank him also.

There is nothing much to report. The enclosed letter from Blodgett & his application you might put on file. The man is perfectly O.K. as far as I know & perhaps you will add your name to mine to recommend him. If he is already a subscriber then I do not see why he sends $1.50, unless he has not subscribed for the current year. Will you please write to him & ascertain this.

Clippings enclosed you can send to Heath for his "Hooper restrikes". The poem is rather clever, I think.

Zerbe has been sending out a display card & a lot of blanks to the N.Y. dealers & I assume to others as well. Now Negreen was one of the recipients & he told me that he was ~~not~~ never a member of the A.N.A. & does not intend to become one & refuses to aid. Elder claims that it would hurt him as rival dealers would obtain the addresses of his customers. I told him that what he lost one way he would gain in another by obtaining new addresses. He did not take to my suggestion kindly, however.

I think that the A.N.A. should adopt the plan that I suggested long ago, i.e. omit the addresses of the new members. Why not publish a notice over your own name in an early number stating that as the dealers are not willing to support the Assn, an experiment will be tried, for a year at least, & all addresses will be omitted. Said addresses to be only in the possession of the Secretary & Treasurer & are not to be divulged.

I think that this will bring some of them to terms. I put Elder & Chapman on a committee & I see that Zerbe has put Low on one & they certainly ought to back up the Assn or all of them had better get out.

Low must have had a check returned from some customer marked "account overdrawn" — perhaps that prompted his letter to the Herald. Send it to Higgins.

Your two coins or tokens I have submitted to both Low & Proskey but can get nothing satisfactory out of them. Both of them answered in a general way that they were one of a series of copies, imitations, & counterfeits of the regular coinage which were issued in great quantities between 1730 & 1800 & all varieties of which had never been catalogued or fully described. Acting upon this hint I went through the entire supplement (or rather addenda) to Atkins' "18th Centy Tokens", but did not find them. I am inclined to think that Low & Proskey are right, because Moritz has at least five tokens that Atkins has not listed. We give them of course the general name of

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"Bungtowns" & Atkins calls them "Imitations of the Regal Coinage", but does not claim that his list is complete. Now I would suggest that you write to Hamer about these. If he cannot help you then he may be able to put you on the track of somebody who can. Send him good rubbings made with indelible pencil.

I am enclosing the following, (all ships) on approval, with prices annexed. Anything that Chase takes you can credit me with on the exchange account.

Abercrombie. white-metal.	.60
Ship penny. Scarce.	70
Liverpool ½ p. very fine	.50
Sandwich ½. " " & scarce	1.00
Breton 997. (4 var) all about fine (lot) —	1.00
" 531.	.25
" 1003 (R 1½)	.60
" 1005 (R. 2½)	1.00

I have also a standing offer of $2.50 for any old ducats, provided they are not holed or any portion of the inscription is defaced. As they contain about $2.20 worth of gold you may pick them up occasionally at bullion value.

Have signed all the certificates & mailed them long ago.

Make it as strong as you like with Heal, but better not let it go any further. Heath might be silly enough to print some of it & some readers might be silly enough to take it as true.

The Eaton matter in detail would take too long to write out, but the Eaton matter condensed is that he expected a copy of your S.C.&C. "for nawthin'" in return for "services rendered" — said services, as he claims, being deciphering of certain Chinese coins. Now don't tell him that I gave you the tip.

Many thanks for your concluding words. It seems odd that with the exception of yourself & Moritz I do not care to "hob-nob" with any of the A.N.A. members. Vreeland & Miller I see on an average once a fortnight & they come the nearest to you two. But while I personally like many of the men whom I have come in contact with, I know that the same "cameraderie" can never exist with them that attracts you two to me.

My other two friends, both of whom you have met, I do not class with the above, as they collect only the current coins & sometimes do not have a surplus of these.

That mysterious "no. 50" will again figure in my career & this time on February 17th next. It is my intention to give a dinner on Saturday evening Feby 15th — can't you get Folsom & T. to send you to N.Y. on business about that time? You will meet a good lot of fellows I think.

Sincerely

Fred

Sunday.

My dear Wood.-

There is really very little to record. The enclosed cutting on the motto is really so good that you may be inclined to send it on to Heath. The other cutting may be of interest to Robinson as I notice that the Peabody Institute of Salem were purchasers.

Enclosed find the letter to Heal, to which you can add whatever you wish. I shall send him the "no. 50" tomorrow & in case you care to tell him what ~~he~~ we had to eat & drink I am enclosing the bill of fare which Webster & I have reconstructed to the best of our ability.

Hope you got back all right & that you have not been compelled to call on Dr. Wright for any of his potations.

Sincerely

Frey.

I have found the Treasury Decision relating to the coins & am sending it under separate cover. This is really important & I suggest that you send it in also. One decision of this kind is worth twenty of Hoopers restrikes.

Feby 3.

A. R. FREY,
1083 LINCOLN PLACE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My dear Wood. –

The Hon. Dorsey Macon W. dropped in this morning & told me what a fine time you two had together – wish I could have been with you.

He tells me that you will be in N.Y. & as the matter of the dinner is now settled I wish to know as soon as possible what days you intend to put in here. The fact is that I think Vreeland feels a bit hurt because I did not bring you to Paterson during your last stay here & if I know positively that you will be here over Sunday, Feby. 16, I will make arrangements for us to go out there on that day. As you have probably never seen the city associated with flood, fire & anarchy, nor the Passaic Falls, you may like to take it in. But of course if I say that we will go, we must go – rain or shine – as he will take the trouble to get his collection out of the vaults the day before & will put it back on Monday – so I do not wish to disappoint him.

If you can stay over Monday (Feby 17) so much the better, for this reason. Webster a short time ago adjusted a legal tangle for Sackett & refused any pay for his services. For this reason Sackett has sworn to get even & will probably arrange a supper or theatre party for Monday evening, & we two (you & I) will be expected to "assist" by being present.

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I shall complete the half century on Monday, Feby 17. if my dead mother's words can be relied upon & I never knew her to tell a falsehood. For divers reasons, however, the dinner must be given on the Saturday evening previous. It will take place at Mouquin's (the down town place) in Fulton st. near Broadway at 6. p. m. I have engaged a room, one flight up, to the rear & in case you cannot readily find us, ask for François the head-waiter of the establishment & he will direct you. It will not be a full-dress affair so don't bring your "glad rags." If, however, you will kindly mention any piece of music that you like to hear I will endeavor to have it played. The following have thus far been asked for:

Non e ver.
Thuringian melody "How can I leave thee"
Kipling's "Mandalay" &
Maryland my Maryland.

Any new stories, short speeches &c. will be appreciated. I will endeavor to have both of my brothers present, & I think that they will be able to hold their end up.

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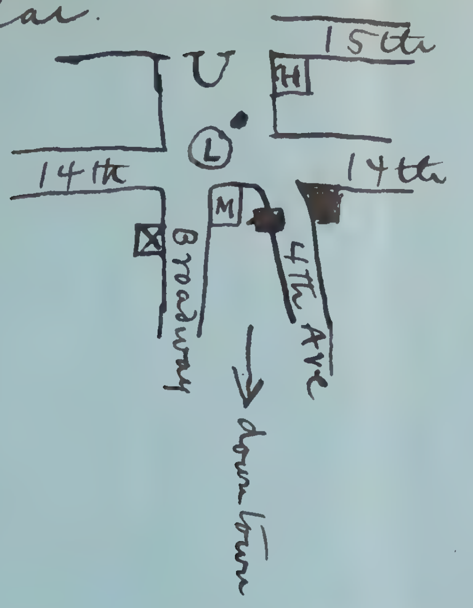
I suggest that you stop at the Union Square Hotel, cor 4th Ave & 15th st. Zerbe always stops there

& they will give you an excellent room for one dollar.



Explanation
H = Union Square Hotel
• = Equestrian Statue of Washington
L = Lafayette Statue
U = Union Square
■ ■ = Subway entrance
× = ProsKey's store.

If you arrive before 1 p.m. on Saty. or can get to the new Custom House, before that time, look me up in room 648 (6th floor). Then we can go to Brooklyn together & you can look at my acquisitions since you saw them last while I put on a clean collar & take a shave. We can leave the house at 4 or 4.30 & get over for the dinner in plenty of time. We will have the house all to ourselves, as Mrs. F. is a Seventh Day Adventist & it is her Shabaoth & she will be at her church, & will not be home until after Sunset.

Only remember I leave promptly at 1 p.m. & there is no use looking for me after that. Should you miss me, you will find Webster at 44 Exchange Place & Sackett (the firm is Knowlton & Sackett) at 66 Beaver st. – both in the immediate vicinity.

Your letter & coins received, but it was not necessary to send the money. You could put it on our exchange account. Elder & other matters I will discuss when I see you.

Sincerely

Frey.

If enclosure is good enough for Heath send it to him.

Why not make arrangements to look up Higgins while in N.Y. & hold out the olive branch to him? ×

Sunday.

My dear Wood.—

This letter I shall hold until Wednesday when I will have an answer from Vreeland; but as it is pretty certain that we go there on Sunday afternoon you had better not make an engagement for Sunday evening. It is about three quarters of hour ride from Jersey City & there is no telling how late he will keep us.

I suggest that you make an arrangement with Higgins for Monday morning. We will probably go to lunch with Moritz on Monday noon & in the interim I will tell him to get out such duplicates as he cares to exchange, & try & get that matter straightened out. He told me a few days ago that he had received the coins from you, but he is too d—d lazy to look up his duplicates.

Yes, we tell juicy stories, but not until the dessert is put on. Bring along some new ones. Sackett says that he has written a special poem for the occasion.—& I want you to insist that Webster tell the story about the dominie & resurrection day. As this is very funny

& not "off color" it can be told earlier, between one of the courses. Webster will not tell it, as a rule, because Sackett & I have heard it before, but you & my brother have not, & with a little urging we may get him to repeat it.

Wednesday.

Have received replies from Vreeland & one or two others. Moritz wants us next Monday evening for dinner. Original programme to be carried out in other details.

Note that Brown has quite a store at no. 65 Nassau St. & it may pay you to explore there. Didn't you get a "portcullis" crown, or something like that there once before?

Will see you on Saturday.

Sincerely

Frey

Feby 29.

My dear Wood. –

Many thanks for your note on the Japanese coin. I found it in Weyl's German catalogue of Japanese coins but he says "issued in early part of the 19th century". This, according to your discription is just about a century out of the way.

The Newark piece, I assume, you obtained on approval. I am returning it & you might tell Alexander that I consider it one of the rottenest counterfeits I have ever seen. Tell him that Lincoln has sent me several of these pieces & they are all of as standard silver, as the regular English crowns & half-crowns. It is only necessary to put this next to one of the latter & note the difference in the metal. This one may have gold in it, but I strongly suspect that it is some other metal.

Heals' mother was very sick; so he wrote me. Perhaps the worst has happened, & that may account for his non-replying.

Spent last night with Sears & with Mr. H.R. Newcomb, of Detroit. I think that you will like him when you get acquainted with him. He is a U.S. collector, like Sears, but a pretty good man.

Saw Leon also. He told me that he would try had to get the 1909 Convention at Chicago & thinks that they should alternate between the East & the West. He thinks Brand would be the best man for President & he (i.e. Leon) appears to be "dead sore" on Z. for some reason I do not know.

Leon also says that Granberg wants special letter-heads & envelopes; but if you are going to furnish all the Board of Governors with stationery you will have some bills to pay out of the Assn funds — & tis a needless expense I think.

Am very, very glad to hear that you enjoyed yourself so in New York. Some day, you may commit the second great event in your life, (the first of course was your birth, as my brother, the doctor, described it), — and before you do, you may decide to give a bachelor farewell dinner. If you determine upon something like this, and some of the New York delegation should receive invitations, I think they will not fail to make response.

Sincerely
Frey

V. gave me 5 or 6 bids on some of the uncirculated gold coins in Elders sale & obtained them all. M. had only one bid (unlimited) on 988 & of course secured it. It will not be necessary for him to buy a second specimen.

April 6.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Wood.—

It was my intention to write to you last week but the preparations for Elder's sale & some other matters interfered.

The dies you sent me I have shown to Moritz & Vreeland. Moritz thinks that they are of far superior workmanship to anything used on the Rebellion Tokens, but that they (or rather their product) assimilates to the cards struck by Cogan about 1861.

Of course he immediately looks upon their possession from a legal standpoint & advises you not to show the die which imitates the French coin to anybody; & if you have others on which coins are engraved you had better say nothing about it. Dies of medals are not subject to inquiry by the secret service men but coins are.

I shall return them by express tomorrow & have directed the package to Brookline, as I supposed you would not care to cart it to your home from Boston.

In the same package I have put from 150 to 160 of the Indian coppers. I forget the exact number but it is about that. You can have your pick of these at 5¢ each (on the exchange account) if you can possibly arrange it, put what you do not want in one of Marcy's sales so as to avoid sending them back.

There is not much to write otherwise. Marcuson wrote me of Walworth's death & informed me that he had communicated it to Heath. I see that it is mentioned in the last number. Both Prof. Oettinger & De Witt Smith are hearing the tinkling of the camel's bell & it would be no surprise to me if they go ere long.

Post's letter I enclose. You can answer it or destroy it. I have referred him to you, so you may get a letter from him.

If it is not exactly a secret, then tell me on whose complaint Frik was fired. He wanted me to buy some coins for him, but I demanded a deposit in advance & then all communications from him stopped. I believe Adams cheated him out of something.

I think that the letters of John & George are written by the same person & that the authorship lies between Heal, Wood, or Duffield.

Wilson of Montreal has been here about a week now — a very agreeable man. Have told him to call on you when he gets to Boston as he is interested in S.C. & C. & "Blacksmiths".

Barnet is back in the field once more. Otherwise nothing new.

Sincerely

A.R. Frey.

A. R. FREY
[illegible] LINCOLN PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Apl. 20. 1908.

My dear Wood.—

Both Lincoln & Spink mailed me catalogues of the Smith sale & I am going to send my bids to Lincoln this time, as I still have a small amount to my credit there. Both firms execute bids, but Sotheby do not unless you send say a draft for a pound or two in advance, as a guarantee of good faith.

As you probably deal more with Spink than with Lincoln, I suggest that you send your bids to Spink, but I do not see the use of sending them money in advance — if so, what is the use of belonging to the English Societies & paying dues annually?

I am going to bid £2.10.0 on lot 52 & I ought to get it. Only I am running chances of securing a large number of duplicates. It appears to be a splendid ~~collection~~ sale & many of the earlier numbers must appeal to you, only it is a great pity that it is so slovenly catalogued. Look at lot 198 for example — this conveys very little information.

Enclosed letter please return. I am sending it because it contains some information concerning a N.Y. dealer which you may be interested to read.

Since Wright has moved to Yonkers we are corresponding quite regularly. I am going to have him at the house some Sunday & the wants me to spend some Sundays up there — I shall probably go & soon.

I do not subscribe to Mehl's paper & did not see the last number until a few days ago. Nicklewitz showed it to me. Elder & Moritz do not subscribe & as he only sent me two or three numbers on approval I do not expect to see it regularly. Beyond our own Numismatist I will not subscribe to any of the U.S. coin journals. Heath's is sufficient for me to digest.

I made three guesses at the author of those letters & I suppose I will have to eliminate Heal & Duffield now. But it is none of my affair, so will say nothing about it.

So you had Imhoff & Higgins; — well you had your hands full. Imhoff is vice-president of the Chatham Bank, very well off, & a great friend of Vreeland's. "He smokes not neither does he drink", but he is a steady-going man & my wife is nearly in love with him. He is not particular what he collects, but wants only artistic coins, hence the issues of Delhi and the South American cobs would not appeal to him.

Higgins does not attend any of Elder's sales & very few of Low's. What he is collecting now I do not know.

Well that seems to cover about everything, so good bye for the present. Sincerely,

Frey.

Thursday

My dear Wood.

Sears was in N.Y. last Saturday night on his way back from Phila. & I saw him for several hours. He informed me that you had taken a flying trip to Phila & if you had telegraphed me ten words I could easily have met you in the Grand Central, or any other place.

Zerbe in his letter asks for suggestions. Well here are a few.

Print the next number with ~~an~~ inverted rule around each page, & put no jokes or humorous matter in this number.

The magazine I think, must go on, otherwise the Assn will go to pieces. If Brand & Dunham will pay the bills, you or Wright or Higgins could do the editorial work (I can hear you swear at this kind suggestion of mine).

Can you find out what it actually costs to print & mail the 600 or 800 copies every month? If you can do this then the membership fees could be made in accordance with this so that there will be no deficit.

I think it would be a good plan to have our Convention *soon*. Then many *of* us can get together & discuss this matter. This will be better than writing letters.

Tell Zerbe, as he will preside at the Convention, to formulate his plans then & there. The magazine *should be published* by one concern & edited *by an entirely different person*. The office of Treasurer of the Assn should be kept *distinct* from *the editorship of the magazine*.

In other words the Assn should own the magazine & pay out of its treasury the cost of publication.

I send you, accompanying this, a brief tribute. You can leave out the two lines from "Hamlet" at the end, if you wish, but I think they will go all right.

Elder tells me how R. L. Dietrick tried to do Chapman out of $500. but Henry was too shrewd for him

Sincerely

Frey

Make all advertisers *pay up* in the future.

May. 20.

A. R. [illegible]
1832 [illegible] Place
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Wood —

Yes, I am pretty busy attending to Oettingers' estate. The other executor, a lawyer here, & myself are on a $50,000. bond & we have one year to settle up matters. In case we cannot do it in that time we have to apply to the courts for an extension. The medals, decorations, glassware, bronzes, &c. I can settle up easily enough, but the outstanding unpaid bills, due to the firm of photographers of Hollinger & Co. of which he was a partner, may take a long while.

There is $500. in it for me, but it knocks my proposed trip abroad higher than a kite, as I am not allowed to leave the U.S. for a year at least. However, it is a novel thing to me to be an executor for once, & I rather like it, although the amount of letter-writing involved is something frightful & every little bill & receipt has to be entered in books kept for this purpose. — Webster has got it down fine; he says that I first killed the husband, that I am now regularly xxxxxxx the widow, & that there will be nothing left of the estate when the two executors get through.

Had a letter from Lincoln on Saturday. The following is an extract.

"Your limit for lot 72 in Samuel Smith sale (£2/10/0) for the Mysore, was a good one, but not good enough, as the lot sold at the high price of £4/10/0."

I am sorry that I did not obtain it, but it may have contained some great rarities & somebody evidently "got wise." Moritz bid on the early Italian coins, but I have not seen him yet; will hear from him in a day or two, when I go up there after the Proskey sale.

Miller is expecting in a few days a large lot of coppers, among which are many orientals. If you agree to pay the expressage both ways for the privilege of looking them over & make him an offer of 10¢ each for your pick, I think you can get them sent to you. When you return them he will put the remainder in Elder's sale, so you might as well see them first & I suggest that you write him. He said nothing about price but that is what he generally charges me & I have had a few good Mysore coins from him.

I have transferred all of my bidding to Nicklewitz, as he is out of a job & d-d poor. He will attend all of Lows & Elders & if he can make it pay at 5% will also go to the Phila sales. I have given him the address of De Witt Smith, Hills, Mitchelson, Manning, Sears, Gies & Newcomb, & you might tell Chase & any others that you know are O.K. No bids from Morey & W. P. Brown are wanted.

Beniquez told me over a year ago that he was going into stamps altogether; however, I will see him again. Fordyce is a personal friend of Vreeland's & I have met him only twice, both times at Vreelands' house. He is a U.S. collector only & when you write V. you might mention the matter to him; when I see him I will also refer to it.

Obituary of Oettinger I sent to Heath. Enclosed is a cutting which you may think it worth your while to send, if not, then destroy it. The photograph appeared in Broadstone's paper (which my daughter takes for postal-cards) & it ought to be filed with the Fink correspondence.

Thank you for the cards of the great fire;

they were quite interesting. Have given (4
Moritz the Providence cards, one was new
to him & the other was an improvement
on the one he had. He wishes me to
thank you.

Anything that you do not want of my
coppers put in Morey's sales & do not
bother sending anything back.

This brings the correspondence up to date
I think.

Sincerely
Frey.

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June 11.

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BROOKLYN, N.Y.

My dear Wood.—

Both letter & photo. arrived a few days ago. The latter was specially acceptable & will be framed by me & hung up in my room. I had some taken a few months ago & will send you one in a few days.

As to the coins in Morey's sale, you can put them in under your name if you wish & anything they bring you can put on our exchange account.

Yes, I imagine that was a choice lot of Mysores, or else they would not have brought such a high figure. I know that Moritz was well pleased with what he got.

But his finest additions are from Hess' last sale (May 13) — the Ulex collection. He bid on a large number of War Tokens from the Western States & it now appears from some of the envelopes that Ulex obtained them from Fonrobert & he in his turn secured them from Roloff (I think that is the name) whose name occurs as die-sinker on some Western cards. They are all in superb condition, & he has found varieties in brass &c. that he did not know existed.

As Elder has a sale on Monday & Tuesday & Chapman later in the same week, I should not be at all surprised to see Leas, Hills, & Mitchelson, here, during some of that time.

Enclosed cutting you might read & send on to Heath. It is correct except the valuations that they put on their losses.

Low's sale last Monday I hear was a complete failure & large numbers of the Roman coppers sold at 2 & 3 ¢ each.

Sincerely
Frey.

Write out on a slip how much you wish me to say concerning the "Bagoolus" & I will put it in Elder's July sale. Doughty will be bidding on it, as he is making an elephant collection.

June 18.

My dear Wood.

It was quite a shock to hear of Heath's death & I hope that it will not lead to the discontinuance of our magazine. Unless, however, Brand or Dunham or some other man with financial backing will step up & pay for the cost of publication (at a regular loss to himself) I am afraid this is the end of the game:

Saw Sears, Mitchelson & Brand at Elder's sale. Was with them until late Tuesday when they all left for Phila.

Moritz did not bid on anything in Low's sale & he bought only one lot in Elders, (no. 842). I do not know who secured the Persian coins; — had a letter from Heal yesterday in which he tells me that he secured a number of the Roman 1, 2, & 3 brass. They were "rotten" — at least all that I saw.

Am sending that "phiz" of mine to Brookline direct, so you will not have to carry it. 'Tis not a very good picture — some day I will have a better one made

Sincerely Frey.

N.Y. July 27. 1908.

To the Members of the American Numismatic Assn:

Gentlemen.

Our Association has never had during its entire existence a President from the Eastern States. I therefore wish to propose the name of one who has done so much to build up the Association during the past five or six years, and who can lay claims to being a scholar and a numismatist in the truest sense of the term.

Gentlemen, I wish to nominate Mr. Howland Wood, of Brookline, Mass. as President of the American Numismatic Association, to serve from January 1. 1909.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. Frey

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July 30.

My dear Wood.

Your letter reached me this morning & in a previous one you ask me concerning Gies' intimation concerning Z. This letter will cover that point.

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Gies told me how he had stopped over in Phila on his way here & there learnt of the severe illness of Henry Chapman. He also added "When I was in Phila. I heard that Zerbe was making strenuous efforts to be reelected to the Presidency & in view of the promises he made at Columbus, he certainly has no right to ask for it."

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I did not discuss the matter with him & to tell the truth I do not recollect that Z. made any promises, but I hate like the devil to see a man seeking ~~the~~ offices the way Bryan & Zerbe do.

On the other hand if Z. has promised to tide over (out of his own pocket) any financial difficulties, in the assn or the magazine that may now ensue or account of the death of Dr. Heath, why that is another matter — let him pay the piper & we will give him *all the offices* if he wants them.

But to keep him there otherwise — well, I don't see why. Wright & Hooper & I do not know very much about numismatics, but this President I think knows a damn sight less. From the fact that you say that you will renominate him I assume that he has made some pledges to you & the next number of the magazine will probably contain some eulogy of him, signed by Leon or one of his other friends & placing him in nomination.

I had assumed that the West was to have a try at it this year, and I had a long *personal* interview with Brand privately when he was here during the sale at the Collector's club (Elder's) & asked him for permission to use his name for President. He assured me that he considered it an honor but must positively decline & requested me not to ~~have~~ nominate him. This I have promised to do.

Of course I do not know what his Chicago friends have done since that time & whether he has since altered his mind. The convention will show that.

My next choice fell upon yourself, because I really think that you deserved it, & I mean it, Wood.

You will of course now withdraw my letter entirely & destroy it. But you will have to do me a favor in return. We had some talk in a half-jesting way when you were here last February, & I hinted something about an honorary membership. Now neither you, nor any one else must mention my name for any such a position, because I have thought the matter over & if such a thing were done Wright, Hooper, Jennings &c. would all lay claim to the same title & a bad precedent would be started. So drop it.

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I expect to be in Phila. on the evening of Sep. 30th & I always stop at Green's Hotel. So as the first & second days will probably be taken up with sight-seeing, smoker, &c. I do not imagine that I will miss much. However, I expect to see you in N.Y. on your way there & we will have dinner together & talk matters over.

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Nicklewicz came to see the other day & said that he had received the magazine

& was anxious to renominate you for Secretary. I told him that you had served about five or six years & would probably refuse to run again. He asked me who I could suggest in your place & I hit upon the same man that you did — viz. Duffield. So you will hear from the irrepressible N. who is not to be "squelched" or dampened.

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Gies had a grievance. He told me that upon his return to Pittsburg last Fall (or a few days later) he had received a postal-card with simply the words "Left at the Post" upon it. I told him that I had received a similar one when I returned. I had supposed that it was some joke from Webster Sackett or the fellows in the Custom House & tore it up.

But now that Gies has mentioned the matter I put an entirely different interpretation upon it, & I firmly believe that both of those cards were mailed by somebody who was present at Columbus. As Duffield was the third of the trio that were "stung" I am going to ask him whether he received one.

Nothing else. Morey has not even written me that the coins were sold.

Sincerely Frey.

Come down with me to the "Great Smoky Mountains", the "Lost-state" of Franklin & the Luray Caves after the Convention. You have never been there & it will do you good.

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Monday.

My dear Wood.

I wrote you in a hurry on Friday & trust that my letter reached you in time so that you were able to connect with Gies.

As Mitchelson knew long in advance when he was coming I rather expected to get an invitation to the "pow-wow" or house-warming, (whatever you choose to call it), but it was not forthcoming. I should certainly have gone up over Saturday, Sunday & Monday, especially if he had made arrangements to have you and Hills there.

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My father was nearly 81 years old & his death had been expected for some time. He lived with my brother in Newark (whom you have met) & was buried on the fourth of July. I have four nephews & they felt rather chagrined that they could not celebrate. From what I have since heard, however, they made ample amends for nearly three days afterward, including Sunday the 5th.

Bragdon has certainly put out a very creditable number & I think that a vote of thanks should be tendered him at the meeting of the A.N.A. in addition to your acknowledgements in the last number.

I shall of course attend the convention but cannot get there until the evening of Wednesday, Sep. 30. I shall leave there on the 2d & start for the east Tennessee mountains as I did not see enough of that section last year.

In accordance with the call issued I also enclose my nomination for President.

Gus was unable to see Harry Chapman as he was very sick with pneumonia; hope you have heard that he is better.

Low has a sign up in his office that in September he will sell the collection of Dr. B. P. Wright. Whether it is the entire collection or only his duplicates (of which he must have a great number) I do not know.

Do not imagine that you have a monopoly of the heat; we have our share & it just suits

Yours sincerely
Frely.

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Friday

My dear Wood –

Sackett is troubled with some affection of the liver & has been advised to get out on a sailing vessel if possible for four or five days & get thoroughly sea-sick.

When I was in Boston I think I remember seeing at the foot of Pearl St. or in that neighborhood sailing vessels scheduled for Eastport, Kittery, Machias, &c. & if you can ascertain without much trouble whether they accept passengers, you will greatly oblige both of us by doing so.

We have no such lines here, only sailing schooners to Tampa & Porto Rico, & it is too warm to go in those latitudes.

Did you go by steamer to Prince Edward Island? & if so, is there a line running from Boston. I do not know that it makes much difference whether it be a steamer or a sailing vessel only the latter may give a longer trip on the ocean.

It may be possible that you can get some time-tables, schedule of sailings, &c. from some shipping agency & if so you can write & mail them direct to the address that I have put in the lower corner of this page.

I will show up on Wednesday evening Sep. 30 & will stay during the meeting of the following day. I have been to Atlantic City, however, & will hardly care to take in that trip. My vacation begins Oct. 1. & I want to do as much of the Great Smoky Mountains as possible — why don't you try to go along? You have never seen Eastern Tennessee, the Mammoth Cave in Ky. &c. &c.

Sincerely

Frey

Address is
Findlay Sackett.
66 Beaver st.
N.Y.

Higgins "kicked" about Heath's illustrations long ago. Perhaps if an improvement is promised he will work actively.

Aug 3.

My dear Wood:—

Yours of Saturday reached me this morning.

I am glad to hear that Zerbe will undertake the work of getting out the N. through 1908 at any rate, & that will give the present & new Board of Governors an opportunity to see what is to be done. The Assn may break up in course of time — I hope it will not, but I do not like the appearance of so many State & local Societies. But I think that our magazine after having existed about twenty years ought to be preserved. Besides myself, I know of about a dozen persons who would rather pay $2.00 a year, (perhaps even more) rather than see it go to pieces & discontinue.

There is one thing I wish to suggest to you if it has not occurred to you already. In our magazine "Shakespeareana" we keep the editorial & the publication staff entirely separated. The publisher issues the magazine & he takes good care that the advertisers pay their bills. You know, as well as I do, that Heath was very careless in that respect & he probably took charge of both editorial & publication work. Frequently whole page advertisements have appeared concerning the Chapmans, Elder, Sears, Hesslein, Mehl, &c. & if you & Zerbe take hold, then try & find out whether these things were really paid for, or whether Heath in his good nature inserted them gratuitously. If he did, then this sort of thing ought to stop at once.

As to Heath's coins. I have bought odd lots for him during the past years, but, to be candid with you his bids were generally on mixed lots of Roman coins & ranged from 3¢ to 5¢ each. I secured quite a quantity for him, but gave this sort of bidding up long ago. Now I do not know whether his earlier coins (i.e. those he bought many years ago) were better specimens. I hope they are & I am inclined to think they are, because I believe he obtained a number of Jerrems' duplicates, &c. But if they are no better than his recent acquisitions then you will have to sell them in lots. The plan you suggest of a mail auction in the Numismatist will be probably the best way as it will entail no expense. If the coins are sent to you & you find any fine specimens of gold coins let me know, as I will try & secure them myself.

Heath's specialty was ancient coins & as far as I know he collected everything that came his way & was not very particular about condition.

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I think that Gies wants some kind of an office. I do not wish to propose him for any, as he has [illegible] never directly hinted that he wanted anything, but on his last visit here he told me of his various conventions of Knights, Foresters, Masons, &c. & how he was always put on some committee. Can't you get Jackson or someone else to propose him for some office? I do not know that he would be a good man for 1st V. P. but why not put him back on the Board of Governors?

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I do not want any office, but if the Numismatist is really kept up I am willing to contribute each month the doings of brother collectors abroad. I receive so many fine German, French & other catalogues as well as numismatic journals that I think a monthly review might be of interest. Both Heath & Spink have a habit of dismissing these, the first by saying "Catalogues received" & Spink by simply alluding to their contents. I think that important books, papers, &c. should be briefly discussed & numismatic "finds" should be chronicled. This would give our journal a more international reputation.

I do not know what you would call such a position; "Editor of Foreign Happenings",

or "Foreign Secretary", or what, at any rate if you think well of the project you can create some such a position & that I am willing to accept.
It seems a great pity that much of this is never translated or at least briefly reviewed.

The papers on the Tokens of Numismatists I am afraid I shall have to abandon. I receive no encouragement from the people that I write to for information. Some of them seem to think that I am prying into family matters, others don't know, & a third class appear to imagine that they will receive a bill for advertising later on. The only man that is encouraging me is Forrer; he makes use of my notes & has quoted me several times. I have some interesting notes on hand now, ~~with~~ which I ought to publish & if the N. comes out illustrated I will do so.

You can confer with Zerbe on this subject when you see him or write him.

Many of the Lovett dies are here in Brooklyn in the possession of a certain man, also much of Lovett's correspondence, but he will not allow me access to them & frankly stated that he intended to destroy them.

So you see the prospect for doing original research is discouraging.

Sincerely

Frey.

Does the Convention include an auction sale by the Chapmans as suggested in Columbus last year?

Aug 15.

My dear Wood. –

Sackett leaves for Boston today – it may be that he will communicate with you before he goes on his trip.

I saw Imhoff last Monday & asked him to attend the convention, but it appears that the Bankers' Convention is held in Denver, Col. on precisely the same dates as ours & he must be present at that. This Denver meeting may affect others who are bankers.

In cataloguing Heath's effects, if you find vols. 1 & 2 of the Numismatist I will be glad to buy them – I have all the other vols.

When the magazine is under new management then Proskey should be approached – as he has repeatedly said that he would support it as soon as Heath was no longer connected with it.

I see by the last number of the

"Chronicle" that Low has left the Royal Society. Possibly Tommy's joining had something to do with it.

I attended Low's last sale toward the close & made the acquaintance of two men who had never heard of the A.N.A., The Numismatist, or in fact any body but Lyman the Great. I give you their addresses below. This shows you how active Low is in recommending new members to our Socy. Moral — stick to my old plan & leave out the addresses for a year as an experiment — this will bring them all to terms.

There are no icicles forming in the streets just now.

Sincerely
Frey

Albert Buchman. 9 East 59th st. N.Y. - A collector of historical medals.

Gustave Senft. 1163 40th st. Brooklyn. A collector of the coins of Austria & Germany.

I have mailed specimen numbers to both & you may hear from them.

Sep. 9. 1908.

My dear Wood.—

Nothing of any importance has happened or you would have had a letter from me ere this. Sackett wrote me from Nova Scotia & I have seen him several times since his return — the trip seems to have done him quite a bit of good.

I assume that you will spend at least a day & a night in N.Y. prior to the Convention & I wish to ascertain when you will be here, so that the four of us (Sackett, Webster, you and I) can have a dinner & sociable evening together. It will be impossible for me to go to Phila. as I leave here on Saturday, Oct. 3d, & go by steamer to Savannah, Ga. I shall not be back until Oct. 20th, hence if we meet at all it must be before you go to Phila.

Zerbe wrote me a long letter about three weeks ago stating that he intended to introduce important changes in the N. after Jany 1st. and asked me whether I would take charge of the foreign end of it. My principal duties would be the reviewing of all books, pamphlets, catalogues &c. and when I was through with them I was to return them to him. To this very generous (?) offer, I replied that the reviewer was entitled to the copies and that I was doing similar work for a German newspaper here in N.Y. and adding books to my library by this means. I gave him to understand pretty plainly that he could not count upon my co-operation unless my terms were acceded to.

There the matter rests. I should not be surprised at all if Zerbe's brother is made librarian at the Convention, so that the Zerbe family can get the magazine & the library, and the "easy-marks" do the writing for them.

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Proskey is deeply interested in a mine called "Rawhide" of which his brother is either the engineer or manager. As he is actively engaged in mailing circulars of said mine to everybody that he can get hold of, this may account for the rumor that his interest in coins is waning. I can see no evidence of it however.

Elder tells me that he is going to have a big sale after the Convention (Oct. 5. 6. & 7), but unfortunately I will not be in N.Y. when it takes place.

Sincerely Frey.

Sep. 20. 1908

My dear Wood. –

If you get to N.Y. next Sunday there is very little chance of my seeing you. Trains leave here for Phila. on the Penna R.R. hourly & it takes an even two hours to make the run. Consequently you ought to leave N.Y. by the 3 p.m. train at the latest so as ~~to~~ get to Phila by Sunday evening.

If you return from Phila. by Oct 2d, we can have a dinner & a talk over matters on the evening of that day. I leave N.Y. at 2 p.m. on the following day (Saturday) by steamer & shall be in the office from 9 a.m. to 12 m. on Saturday. Bring Tremblay & Marcusor back with you. I have not seen Tremblay since 1899 I think.

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Now here is something which you need not say comes from me, but which you and Zeibe can incidentally use when in conversation with Elder. Little Tommy is dreadfully frightened at the change in the appearance of the last number. I called his attention to the fact that the "purchase & exchange" was omitted & told him (unauthorized of course) that the Board was seriously considering the dropping of the addresses of new members. This was a step aimed in retaliation at the N.Y. dealers, two of whom had been put on important committees and had not recommended any new members. Elder has five or six good people & I am trying to get hold of them, but without success thus far.

I see he has put the Oriental coins in his last days' sale, so you will have to stay in N.Y. until Oct. 7th in case you intend to be present.

Niklewicz will attend the Convention, so you will see him there.

I was going to be "real mad" at you for your allusions to the Chapman-Frossard affair. But as they accepted Mrs. Frossard's terms & have been paid, they have no claim against him or me, & for that matter, young Frossard could open a coin business in N.Y. tomorrow & they would be unable to attach it.

However, I am treating the matter as a jest, & presume there is about as much fact at the bottom of it as there is to Zerbe's contributors who asks those queries on pp. 291 & 293. Zerbe evidently does not know that it is an old newspaper trick to manufacture queries & have the editorial staff reply to them.

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Morey sends me his catalogue (no. 139). Now Morey has never squared up for that little lot of mine, so you bid $\$3.^{35}$ for that quarter-eagle (no. 1 in his catalogue), which I assume is your own & if I get it, tell Morey to mail it to me by registered letter. Then I will force him to render me an account-sale before I pay him.

If on the other hand the things went in as yours, (i.e. under your name) then make no bid. I can use this ¼ eagle & I see the St Louis Co. in their fixed price list (no. 6) offer an uncirculated specimen for $4.75 – hence my bid ought to be about right.

Elder & Poillon have forwarded me an application requesting me to approve with my signature their recommendation to make a somebody Montelius an honorary member. But as I know nothing concerning the man I declined. They ~~make~~ may spring it on you at the Convention

Proxy is enclosed. Fill it out as you like; only leave my name out.

Are wet hens busy?

Sincerely

Frey.

OLN PLACE,
YN, N. Y.

Mar 7. 1909.

My dear Wood.—

Yours should have been answered before this. but I have been very busy winding up the Oettinger affairs & will get my release as a bondsman from the courts before this month is over. The glassware, bronzes, &c. will be sold at Anderson's on Wednesday next.

As to the A.J.N. I bought all that the Rev. Foster Ely had @ 5¢ each, also all of Elliot Woodwards at about 1¾¢ each. I got two complete sets out of this which I sold at a good price & had an enormous number of duplicates left over. Low is completing a set & so is Niklewicz & if you will make up a tabulated statement on type-writer in two parallel columns, saying what nos you have to exchange & what you want, I have no doubt that you will be able to make exchanges with both of these, as both have imperfect sets & both have duplicates.

I have none now, as I sold some to Marvin, some to Low, some to Sexton of Davenport, Iowa, & the entire remainder to Niklewicz. I would suggest that you write to N. first as his complete set is not as far advanced as Lows, but he has more duplicates.

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I really am very much disappointed in the Numismatist, as it is getting to be a regular primer.

Of course Zerbe pays the bills & consequently he has a right to put in what he pleases; nevertheless it is absolutely worthless trash & if it does not improve by the end of the year I shall not renew my subscription. Typographically it is a big improvement on Heath, but the contents give me the impression that every contributor can have so much space & no more. Hence if the contribution is too short the space is filled with an illustration, an ornamental letter &c.; but if it is too long the editor reserves the right to cut it down to suit the columns of the magazine. Of this I can furnish absolute proof. Now I'll be d—d if Zerbe or Zerbe's brother or whoever edits the magazine is going to tamper with any of my manuscript & therefore I think it best to let those that are paying the bills run the magazine as they think ~~[illegible]~~ it should be run & I not be an accessory to their venture.

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Of those Tokens I find that twelve were struck in all my note-book says:

1 gold owned by Frey
1 " " by Wood
1 silver sent to Forrer
1 " owned by Marcuson
1 copper " by Higgins
1 " " by Heath
1 brass " by Heal
1 " " by Vreeland
1 " " by Imhoff
1 " still here in my possession, which I am thinking of sending to Zambaur to present to the Vienna Society.

I do not make any great progress with the collection, as I will not add any more medals unless I get them very cheap, and I have about reached the limit so far as the coins are concerned.

I am however adding many specimens to my collection of ducats & zecchini & have over 125 specimens now. They do not give one much pleasure as they are in the Safe Deposit Co all of the time & I only take them out if I know in advance that a collector is coming to the house. If you get anything in this line, let me know, with the price in cash or exchange; please note however that I want only very fine specimens.

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Enclosed is the new card which will be used for the first time for the next meeting. I am impressing Elder to hold all his sales on the second Friday of each month & to repeat that notice at the end of every catalogue. This he has promised to consider.

This covers everything to date, I think,

Sincerely

Frey.

The Numismatist
A. R. FREY, EDITOR
36-A HAMPTON PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Dec. 12. 1911.

My dear Wood.-

Yours received this morning. I am assuming that you will stop at the Hotel Cadillac on Friday night. (This is at B'way & 44th st). Now it would suit me very well ~~to~~ to be there say at 10 p.m. & we can have a talk, because I want to see you before you meet Adams, as I wish to post you on a few things.

I would, however, suggest that you leave Boston about 1 p.m. on Friday afternoon, get to the hotel between 5 & 6 p.m. & if you can arrange it that way, I could be up there early & take you both out to dinner at a charming French place not very far from there. In that event I could show up at the hotel by 5.30 or 6 p.m. & we can spend an evening together — we can talk shop & she can listen to the music.

Another thing — must you be on the vessel up to the very minute of sailing? If you stay until 3 or 3.15 won't she be satisfied? The fact is that there is a meeting of the Society next Saturday at 4 p.m. (see enclosed note). The regular notices are not issued yet but you will probably get one from Belden in a day or two.

Now the steamer sails from the foot of west 12th st or 13th st. If you leave the dock at 3 p.m. you can get a 9th ave elevated at 14th st & get to 155th st. by 4 p.m easily. (This is the end of the line & you will have to walk up the hill to the Soc'y building. You remember we had a dinner there at Krögers during the N.Y. Convention).

If you can attend the meeting you will meet probably Belden, Huntington, Newell, & others.

Now Vreeland wants to see you. Cannot you give Adams all of Sunday morning & I will in the interim try & arrange with Vreeland for Sunday afternoon & evening? If you must leave late on Sunday night then we can leave Paterson at 9 p.m & be at G.C. Depot or your hotel at 10.30 which would give you time to catch the 12 p.m. train for Boston.

I thought that I handed Blake a rubbing of the ivory token (on tissue paper) to give to you with the funds. Perhaps I forgot it; & if I did then it is mislaid. But no matter, as Vreeland will loan you the original whenever ~~Rams~~ you need it with Ramsden's copy.

The Numismatist
A. R. FREY. EDITOR
36-A HAMPTON PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

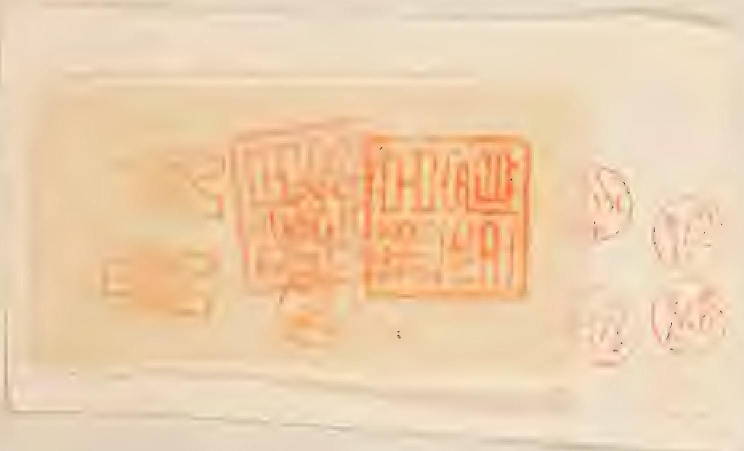
Of course by this time you know that I have resigned, & that Adams will take charge with Blake, de Lagerberg & Newell as associates. It is a long story involving some nasty methods on the part of both Granberg & Henderson, & I am going to give you the details when I see you.

Understand this, Adams is not at fault. He & I are on the best of terms & I have promised to help him all I can. No change will be made in the make up only I suggested that the "Cat. & Period" be dropped & incorporated (if worthy of mention) in the "Month's Miscellany." This will be done. He wants me to handle all the foreign stuff & I have promised him this also.

I was at his house last night & showed him the Saurma catalogue, but he says ~~the~~ if he photographs the plates & sends them to you they will reproduce too weakly & you will have to take them direct from the book. Now the vol. is about the size of the "Saturday Evening Post" & over an inch thick. Do you want it sent by express to Boston or Brookline? Which suits you best? Let me know about this when I see you.

I shall also need one cut out of the Meyer-Gedanensis Cat. Have you this? otherwise will send it. Sincerely Frey

Does Wilson come to N.Y. with you?



He says that they do not translate anything ridiculous, but he does not say what or give me the sounds— Perhaps you can read them & sound them? L.K

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Jany 3d.

My dear Wood.—

Yours in re nickel coinage of Turkey reached me & have sent it on to Adams. I told him to add that the issue consisted of 20, 10, & 5 para pieces & that they appeared early in 1911.

Have also told him to send the proof to you.

Prof. Weinmeister has written me that the bi-centenary of Fredrick the Great occurs on Jany 24th & all Germany will go crazy about it. I have written Belden to get up an exhibit of coins & medals of Fredrick on that day & have also told Adams to make it a leading feature in the Feby issue. Have promised him plenty of material if he will ~~we~~ use it.

When you are next at Ginn & Co. ask them if they have "The Abridged Academy Song Book" by C.H. Livermore, & published by ~~them~~. Get me a copy & you can put it in my catalogues when you return them. Send me the bill & oblige

Yours

Frey.

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Jany 22.

My dear Wood.

Many thanks for your notes which I received this morning.

Enclosed are my notes on the meeting ending with the two silver coins of Nepal, which were your exhibit. Please fill in whatever you like & then take up Siam, Cheribon, Palembang, and China, just as you see it on my rough notes which I used on the evening of the exhibit. Also make any corrections and additions to my copy enclosed that you think will be of interest.

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A life membership in that India Socy costs 50 rupees (see Numismatist, April 1912. p. 138)

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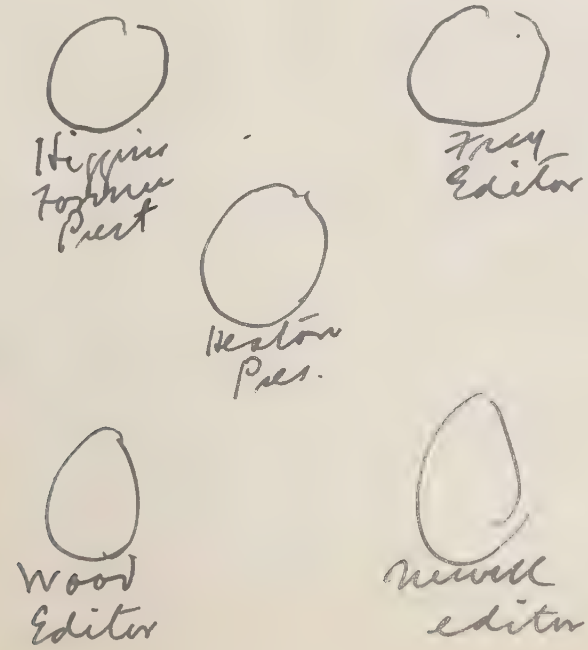
If you want to make a picture for the Year-Book of 5 portraits I would be glad to have it go in. I would suggest small oval ports such as were in the A.N.A. Year Book & an arrangement something like this:



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but if it is very much trouble, then let it go. But if you make the plate send it to Stowell direct & draw on Raymond for any money paid out.

Am returning your book on the Hindu numerals by this mail. The statement made on page 141 (& the foot-note) is wrong. A similar statement you will find in Hazlitt's "Coinage of the European Continent" (page 43).

Your article in the Journal is excellent, but as I know nothing of photography I would like to know why some of your illustrations (pl XXV.) are much better than the others. Nos. 8, 9, & 10 appear to be much clearer than nos. 1, 11, & 12. Especially no. 1. See the illus. in Calcutta Museum Catalogue (pl. XXVIII. no. 2) which is much sharper than yours. Is it on account of a better process in photography, or because they had a better specimen?

Sincerely

Frey

Hope you made that train with Belden.

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Feby 5.

My dear Wood.

Thanks for your letter of about a week ago with the additional information.

The "shaking up" they received at the Socy meeting has had some good effects. They have entirely reconstructed their committees, but owing to some absurd clause in their constitution stipulating that "a member of the council must be on each committee", they are still hampered to some extent with "dead-wood."

Dodd who is head of the Publ. Committee wants the (annual) Journal hereafter printed with illustrations in the text, like the "Numismatist"

As I wrote you on a card I am glad that you landed the curatorship & hope that they gave you the salary you requested.

Adams wants me to write your biog. for the next number & added that he had a picture to put at the top of it.

This I refused to do, saying that such

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biographies only create misunderstanding. But if you will prepare something, I will copy it & sign it with my initials as if it emanated from me.

Say something about graduate of college, early connection with ANA as Secy. author of Toughra. Blacksmiths, Siam, &c. &c. & in fact anything you like & begin or end with this last appointment.

If you are not in favor of it, write to Adams, saying that I had requested it but that you refuse.

Club meeting on 14th } will you be
Secy " on 15th } down to any of these?

I can imagine what a sweet job it will be to move your belongings, as you have been in the same place so many years.

Sincerely

Frey.

Bring her to N.Y. with you.

Feby 7.

My dear Wood.—

Ever since A.R.T. resigned as editor there have been great "goings on". Adams told me on Monday that he would be both editor & publisher & that the magazine will be printed in Vesey st. N.Y. by some concern that prints a financial journal. Brooklyn post office will probably be asked to grant us special mailing rates.

Adams is very enthusiastic about the change, saying that he will be better able to control ~~the~~ each issue, but I am not so sanguine. Publisher, editors, & in fact everything is now centred about N.Y. & this is going to cause a "kick" sooner or later. However, let them fight it out, — I am through with them.

The passages in enclosed letters marked with blue pencil refer to the donation. I met Wilson at Hotel Manhattan on May 4 & the next day I drew my cheque (enclosed) that is how I happen to know the date. (By the way, my cheque is endorsed by Tilden only, do not these go to Crossman—

at all as Treasurer?)

At the time of the meeting with Wilson the two full page plates on the Scandinavian coins had just appeared (in the April no.) & you told me to "go slow" as these things were very expensive. I told all this to Wilson & hinted that I would like to run more than 32 pp. He went into the adjoining room & wrote out his cheque for $100.00 & if ~~you~~ I remember rightly it was to increase the size of the magazine. (Granberg's letter enclosed seems to confirm this). There never was any correspondence with Wilson except his reference in his letter (enclosed).

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The other two letters (Granberg's & Tilden's) of Sep. 30 & Sep. 13 I am sending you to show you exactly how the matter stands concerning the promise of $100. to both Tilden & myself. The Board has not pledged itself to pay this, but I am going to write to Granberg & ask for it & will show you his answer. The Treasurer's report in the Spring no. showed a good surplus & this surplus was obtained through my getting a donation from Wilson, through the foreign advertising that I am bringing in + through Tilden's careful handling of the funds + his keeping Hurley's bills down. It is therefore manifestly unfair that this money should in any way be applied to the expenses incurred during the present year (1912). Let the new editor + managers look after their own finances; Tilden + I have come out of it with credit.

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It is not necessary to return these letters, only keep them for a while until matters are settled.

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It certainly looks a bit shabby for the Board to treat the two men who made the magazine a success last year the way they are doing. Tilden, I think really needs the money, + while I am not exactly in the same position I am surprised that they expect me to give my time + also to pay the postage &c all out of my pocket.

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The man I am most sorry for is Hurley. He was doing better + better work all the time + some of his last proofs to me were excellent.

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The Committee appointed a year ago

by the Am. Nu. Socy to report on Higgins' discoveries failed to make any report & he will probably resign from the Socy. Immediately after the meeting I told him that his motion to make ex-Presidents of the Club members of the Ex. Com. (proposed of course by himself) had not passed & I added "one or two persons have told me that you were going to continue to run the Club since Heaton is President." Now he is sore on me & I will give him plenty of time to get over his "grouch."

I think the Club recognized Higgins' services by striking a medal for him (of which about 60 still on hand, & no demand for them) & by presenting him with a diamond pin on his retirement. He got a d—d sight more from the Club than I did from the A.N.A. — (not even an acknowledgment of thanks in the January number).

We held an election for new officers & Higgins' claim that his new position (involving an amendment to the Constitution or By Laws) could be voted on at the same time is absurd.

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I am going for Judson Brenner next, & will politely inform him that he did a lot of talking concerning a "booster club" (whatever that may mean), but I have not seen his name opposite a single new applicant in the "Numismatist" thus far.

Sincerely

Feby 27. 1912

My dear Wood.—

Both of your letters received. In regard to the $20. in dispute,—give it to Tilden; he needs it more than I do.

You might incidentally, however, throw out a hint to Granberg & Henderson that it is a d—d fool policy on their part to antagonize the men who really are willing to contribute to the magazine, & who are able to write something.

Higgins refuses to write any more & I told Adams that I would translate current news items for the Miscellany for him (in exchange for the periodicals I receive) but would contribute nothing else in the future. I told him also that it was no personal matter between us, but the only way to get even with the Board is to ignore the "Numismatist", which is their mouthpiece & official organ.

The more they print of Adams' dreams of commemorative dollars, Store-cards, &

Waldo's papers, the higher my volume for
1911 will stand in comparison.

But as to ever being the editor again that I am afraid is an impossibility; because if they should ever ask me then I propose to make my conditions & they will have to go down in black & white & be signed by the Board before I accept.

There seems to be some uncertainty as to how Adams is being paid. If he is paid out of A.N.A. funds or ~~p~~ with money received for subscriptions & advertising then the notice on the back of the application blank is simply untrue, & I do not see how the A.N.A. officials can make such a contract.

If, however, he gets it from Granberg's private pocket, that is of course another matter & nobody's concern.

(Another complaint made (by Elder & Sears) is that the magazine is now edited by a regular dealer who will not hesitate to advertise his own wares in its columns.

You need not repeat this to them [illegible]

De Lagerberg showed me a letter from Henderson (& I am trying to get a copy of it) in which the latter complains that "the editor, publisher & Howland Wood were all against me last year, but now we have an editor who will boom A.N.A. matters and cater to the tastes of our collectors &c. &c." (I am quoting from memory, as nearly as I can recollect).

Granberg has not written me concerning the terms of Wilson's donation & if he does then I will send you his letter & you let me know what I am to answer.

Is Wilson consulted in this matter at all? Does the A.N.A. assume that his transfer of the magazine & his ~~subject~~ subsequent donation end it all? Is their no *gratitude* for what he has done?

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Of course you know that the federal charter after passing the House was killed in the Senate.

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Have you Lindberg's & Oldenburg's treatises on Scandinavian coins? I want to consult them. Will see Pehrson on Monday at the Society — possibly he has them.

Nothing else of interest. I wonder how the Maryland printer will make out.

Sincerely Fary

When is she coming back?

Mar 22.

My dear Wood.—

Yours received & many thanks for the information. I have a large work (by Noback) published in *Germany* in 1851 for the use of banks &c. & it gives the European issues from 1800 to date of publication in detail, as well as the weights, measures, &c. of each country. The Turkish issues are, however, about the limit, & as you say, great fluctuations evidently occur. Their piastres and paras of 70 years ago do not agree with the present valuations at all.

If you want that paper in the Münzblätter translated for the Journal or for yourself I will be glad to do it & in the latter case I will write it on sheets of the same size as the magazine & you can lay them in opposite to the original. In that case return it to me (*without the plate* to avoid more folding of the latter). For the "Numismatist", however, I think that the enclosed (which I have laid opposite page 308) will be enough. Adams is going to make it *primarily* a magazine for U.S. issues & all foreign matter takes second place. As he can read no language but English, he assumes, I imagine, that all others are on the same plane. I contribute nearly all the short foreign notes to the Month's Miscellany, but shall give him no more lengthy papers.

The notes on page 309 I have sent him & I am enclosing a translation of the paragraph on pp. 310-311. If you think this is of value then mail it to him.

That medal on page 310 (marked ϕ) you ought to send to DeLagerberg. This is for the centennial of the Norwegian University of Drontheim & he may be able to get some additional information.

Blake showed me a letter from Granberg in which the latter gave a list of those who had contributed to guarantee a salary to Adams. I remember seeing

Brenner for	$100.00
Granberg for	50.00
Henderson for	50 00
Woodin for	100.00

so his salary is guaranteed for six months. I do not see the names of S. S. Heal or W. W. C. or H. W. or A. R. F.

Adams says the last number cost $55.00 but I'll be d-d if I believe him. He has been down to Federalsburg to see Stowell.

Blake may resign as he has difficulty in getting extra copies from Adams. He, (Adams) made a rule that 10 copies is enough for the associate Editors + Blake has put it up to Granberg, claiming that the Board + not Adams should determine this matter.

All of above is private of course; I will keep you posted on any new developments.

Sincerely
Frey

Is she back?

Mar. 31.

My dear Wood –

At the club meeting on Apl. 12 I am going to give them a talk on some of the smallest coins of the world. I have about 15 specimens (5 from Newell & 10 or 12 of my own) & I wish that (if you can easily do so) ~~that~~ you would send me a few more. I shall of course give credit to those that contribute to my "loan exhibition".

I am enclosing ~~five~~ of my specimens which will give you an idea of what I want. I specially desire anything of the Indian archipelago or Malay peninsula & anything you send please describe in detail on its envelope.

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Sears met F. C. H. last Friday & Sears asked him why he did not attend the Club meetings since we have had a new President To this Higgins replied that he would not attend until a special grievance committee was appointed to investigate his claims. Sears told him that would never be & he added that we have more orderly & better conducted meetings than we ever had under him.

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Adams has some sort of a "grouch". I think the Board has told him to go light on cuts as they cost too much money. The cuts for Waldo's paper he told me cost about $4.00 & after de Lagerberg went to the trouble of getting permission & have some recent Roosevelt medal reproduced Adams turned him down & would not illustrate it. De Lagerberg also wants his postage paid & is sore.

This is about all the A.N.A. news that I have heard except that Adams proposed to issue an up-to-date list of the members with addresses (something that supplements the old year book & can be slipped into a no. 6 envelope) at 50 cents a copy. He told me that he had received only* about two dozen requests for such a work.

On Saturday, Apr 13, Newell is going to have one or two collectors up in his den in the tower & show them some coins, so you had better attend the club meeting on the 12th & stay over the next day.

Sincerely

Fred

Friday

My dear Wood—

Yours reached me this morning. There is nothing new except that Ben Green sent a cut of the La Salle Hotel to Tilden & I have vetoed it's going unless they pay for it at regular advertising rates.

If they get the Convention then they can afford to pay for an "ad" & *we* *want* *the money*.

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I do not know the date of the earliest numismatic book in Europe, but I am enclosing some notes which may be of assistance. Have you Schulman's Catalogue of the sale of Van Doorninck & White King Library (Sale May 28. 1906) *& arranged chronologically*? If not I will mail it to you.

Schulman begins with the year 1560 & his early numbers are all "Ordonnantie" or Rules for exchange (par value &c) for the use of banking houses. I have one of these books but of a later date (1652). It is printed in black-letter & has some wonderful illustrations of coins. Can mail it to you as the title-page may be interesting to facsimile.

Du Choul's book on Roman antiquities originally appeared in 1556 & has a large number of illustrations of coins in it.

The earliest book on my list (Strada) has also illustrations of Roman coins, medals, seals &c.

The Boston Publ. Library can probably give you a list of all the editions of these books. See Friedländer, Catalogue of Books Printed prior to 1600 & W. C. Hazlitts' "Collections & Notes" (3 vols).

Gettag sends word to call early tomorrow — possibly he has received some new issues.

Sincerely
Frey.

STRADA. Epitome Thesauri Antiquitatum, hoc est, Impp. Rom. . . . Iconum, ex antiquis Numismatibus quam fidelissime deliniatarum. Ex Museo Jacobi de Strada . . Sm. 4to., *with a great number of portraits; vellum* *Lugduni*, 1553

——— Kunstliche und aigendtliche bildtnussen der Rhömischen Keyseren, ihrer weybern und kindern . . . wie die auff alten pfennigen erfunden sind . . . auss dem Latin jetz neüwlich vertheutst durch Diethelmè Kellern burger zu Zürych. 8vo., *with numerous illustrations; vellum* *Zürych*, 1558

VICO. Discorsi di M. ENEA VICO Parmigiano, sopra le Medaglie de gli antichi divisi in due libri . . Sm. 4to., *with portrait; hf. morocco* *Venice*, 1558

1560 — Shulman begins here.

GOLTZIUS (H.). Caesar Augustus sive Historiæ Imper. Caesar. Rom. ex antiquis Numismatibus restitutae liber secundus, accessit Caesaris Augusti vita et res gestae. Folio, *with 94 plates; old calf* *Bruges*, 1574

LE POIS (Antoine). Discours sur les Medalles et Graveures antiques, principalement Romaines. Sm. 4to., *with 20 copperplate engravings of Coins; red morocco extra, gilt edges* Paris ~~s. l.~~, 1579
The woodcuts at the end in fine unmutilated condition.

PENNINCK-BOECK. Inhoudende alle figuren van Silvere en Joude (*sic*) Penningen . . van Hollandt. Sm. 4to., *with plates of Dutch Coins, title in MS. and a preliminary leaf missing; hf. morocco* 1597

Du Choul, G., discours sur la castramétation et discipline militaire des Romains, des bains et antiques exercitations grecques et romaines. De la religion des anciens Romains. Avec beaucoup de gravures s. bois. 2 parties. Fol. Lyon 1557–56. Hleder.

Originalausgabe des gesuchten Werkes mit sehr schönen Holzschnitten, die jedenfalls von Salomon Bernard, bekannter unter dem Namen Le petit Bernard, ausgeführt sind. Unter den Holzschnitten zahlreiche Münzabbildungen. Das Werk enthält, Teil I: Castramétation 55 numm. Blatt; — Bains et antiques exercitations. 311 Blatt und Register 27 Blatt.

1556 – Original edition of Du Choul's book

DU CHOUL (Guillaume). Discours de la Religion des anciens Romains, de la Castrametation et discipline militaire d'iceux, des Bains et Antiques exercitations Grecques et Romaines. Illustré de Medailles et figures retirées des marbres antiques, que se treuvent à Rome, et par nostre Gaule. 2 parts in 1 vol., sm. 4to., *with a large number of illustrations; old calf* *Lyons*, 1581

also editions in 1559 translated into Italian

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[illegible]

Apr. 14.

My dear Wood.

With this I am returning your coins, & thank you very much for your assistance to my exhibit. I wrote out a~~n~~ condensed account of the "talk" for Adams, but a detailed version will appear in volume I. of the Year Book of the N.Y. Numis. Club, which will be issued at the end of this year. After I have my copy ready for this I will ask you to go over the Java. Chinese &c. The latter set interested Reilly very much; he said that he had them but not in as nearly as fine condition as yours.

You have a number of the $\frac{1}{256}$ & $\frac{1}{512}$ of Nepaul & Newell wants to buy one or two specimens, but as he leaves for Europe on the 22^{d}, perhaps you had better wait with this until he returns. Raymond made me a present of a small copper during the sale which I am enclosing — add it to your collection.

The "Münzblätter" I am returning as you may wish to keep this with the first part. Am also sending you the last number of the Revue Belge as it contains a paper of value to you. If you want this translated for the Journal I will do it & you can make some additional notes probably. The latter part of this number contained a review of the medals of 1911, which I have taken out & sent to Dr Lagerberg.

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Adams is really the "limit" in one respect. He expects to be paid for everything he does, but other people are to give him everything for nothing. I took a good deal of trouble to induce old man Allen to loan that daguerreotype of his grandfather (Moffat) & up to this date the old man has not received a copy of the Journal in which it appears. I told Adams plainly that this was not treating the old man right; he claims that he only gets one copy of the Journal himself (is this a fact?) but will give him a printed part of his pamphlet when it is issued.

Steigerwalt's suicide I assume you know.

Higgins, I have heard, comes into Elder's Sls., & abuses the Club & all connected with it. Possibly he has found out that we get along very well without him.

Sincerely

Frey

Apl 15.

My dear Wood.—

This morning I sent you a package by Adams Express & during the day your letter arrived.

I wish that you had told me that the Chinese coins were for sale before the meeting took place as I might have been able to dispose of them for you. Reilly evinced considerable interest in them. I believe he said that he had one or two of them but added that his were not in such fine condition.

You will have them back by the time that this reaches you & if you care to offer them to him I suppose that you know his address is:

John Reilly Jr.
President Ambroid Co.
350 Bway. N.Y.

As to the "Münzblatter" I had already anticipated your request & returned same in the package

The enclosed card came to the

Club on Friday & I suppose it is from Wilson. I have replied so you might send it to him in an envelope from Boston or some neighboring place & keep him guessing who mailed it.

Saw Podhaiski today for the first time in three or four months — the old man looks poorly.

Sincerely

Fury

Sunday. (1

My dear Wood:—

When you wrote your last letter to me I assume that you wrote to Robinson next; at any rate you had my address in your head & sent his letter here.—However, no harm is done as I have forwarded it to him. He is correct about the S.S. Savannah, & I have received another communication to the same effect.

Reid left yesterday for Europe, & as McLachlan is applying to him for further information concerning the S.S. Beaver paper I am afraid he will not receive a reply for some time. You will probably find on your return one of the new copper Canadians from McLachlan, as I have written him to send one to you for photographic purposes. The thing is to go of course under the new issues & I will furnish you with the copy. None of this can go in the next number, so there is no hurry. I have told Tilden to make up only 32 pp. for July & Aug. but I reserve the right to issue 48 pp. & [illegible] necessary later on.

It is really very discouraging. You know that I am trying to give them the best & then to have a number appear like the last makes me disgusted. In a French sentence of about a dozen words they manage to get in two errors, & on top of that they print two pages of rot. I told Tilden that if he runs short to put in some cuts of medals, anything attractive rather than such stuff as he filled in.

I do not blame Hurley this time so much, but I have made some enquiries & I find that it is just as easy to print pp. 1-16 of a number first & then 17 & 32. It appears to be simply a matter of folding. Tilden says ~~&~~ Hurley cannot print 4 extra pages they must always be multiples of 8 (32, 40, 48, &c), but a printer here tells me that they must have multiples of 4 (no less however), & therefore when I told Tilden to make the last issue 36 pp. it could have been done I think.

Another drawback is the distance that

I am from the place of publication. These are all things that should be brought up at the Convention & the Committee on Publication ought to thoroughly examine into these matters.

And speaking of the Convention I may as well note a few other things at this place, as you will have plenty of time to think them over on your vacation. I am not going & nobody else from N.Y. except Adams, who frankly states that he is trying to combine some business with his trip. Raymond says he does not know & McLachlan writes me that he will be the only one from his section to attend. Privately, I do not think that Higgins will be nominated — I saw him yesterday told him to get his nomination ready & that I would vote for him as I promised, but that my vote would of course not elect him. He has got nothing but his Star of Bethlehem or whatever it is on his mind just now. At the next Club meeting (July 14) I will know definitely.

I do not know whether you will finally decide to go to Chicago or not, if the latter you might inform Henderson or any of ~~the~~ your other correspondents the following facts:

Tell them *you* *know* *positively* that I will not accept the editorship another year unless more liberal arrangements are made. You can say that I will live up to my agreement & remain in control for 12 numbers, but after that they can look for somebody else. Tell them you know that I propose to dictate & inform them plainly that I do not want any salary & will moreover pay all my postages (including Hurley's, who never puts more than 2d on his big letters with copy & proof & I have to pay the rest); inform them that the question of money is not an issue at all.

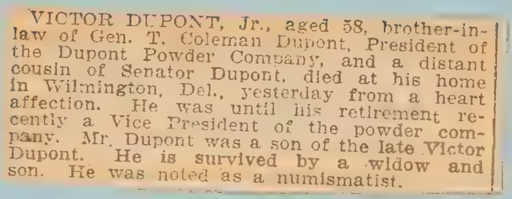
On the other hand the Ass^n must be given to understand that I want everything in the shape of books, medals, catalogues, &c. that comes in & that I propose to keep them whether they are directed to the Ass^n or not. This is my remuneration & if they can find a man who will do the work on a basis more suitable to them let them get him.

I am giving a good bit of my time to this thing, & the attitude you took in a previous letter has caused these remarks. You said to inform De Lagerberg to ~~re~~turn that medal over to the A.N.A. Now, he is not going to spend his time & write letters & get all the recent information if he has to surrender such few things as he gets. Ask the A.N.A. officials if they really think that we are a lot of d—d fools? I have made a deal with the Whitehead & H. & all their historical medals are coming to [illegible] hereafter & if the Assn thinks that I will surrender them they are mistaken. In one of the early numbers I mentioned the Historia Numorum & sent a marked copy to the Oxford Univ. Press. I have their reply stating that they wished the book reviewed & have forwarded it. They sent it to Tilden by mistake & Tilden has sent it to me & I propose to keep it.

I do not know where the Italian book is (probably in Canada) & I suggest that Henderson review it & I will gladly publish the review provided he puts his initials at the bottom.

Now you have my views & I want you to exploit them whenever you get the opportunity. Of course I also advocate the abolition of the library & not holding Conventions annually, but these are minor matters. If they boast of the members that they bring in then you can tell them that they will have to get 10 or a dozen before they can equal the amount that I am throwing into the A.N.A. in the way of advertising from abroad. They never had advts from Sweden + Austria before my time + they will have them from South America before long.

The lack of support is another matter that should be brought up. To give you an instance: I wrote to that man in Wilmington, Del. concerning this advt. + he has never even taken the trouble to reply.



VICTOR DUPONT, Jr., aged 58, brother-in-law of Gen. T. Coleman Dupont, President of the Dupont Powder Company, and a distant cousin of Senator Dupont, died at his home in Wilmington, Del., yesterday from a heart affection. He was until his retirement recently a Vice President of the powder company. Mr. Dupont was a son of the late Victor Dupont. He is survived by a widow and son. He was noted as a numismatist.

The Duponts' are manufacturers of gunpowder I believe + this man's collection may be interesting. If Saxton + (as I suspect) Williams, write for Mehl's magazine that is another evidence of disloyalty to the Assn. All this sort of thing should be stopped + the Convention at Chicago should insist that all members should support our magazine + if I write for information they should reply promptly. I do not write for fun, — I want facts.

There was a bicentennial in Mobile, Ala a short time ago + they issued a very fine medal which will appear in the next number. I wrote to the only member we have in Ala. to forward me newspapers &c. (in fact anything of historical interest). He does not even reply.

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Enclosed is Granberg's letter. I asked his permission to nominate him for Prest. of the Board & here is his reply. You see he does not commit himself.

Adams has bought old man J.W. Scott's entire library. He wants to sell the foreign catalogues &c. but he asks very high prices. He goes to Atlantic City this week but you will probably hear from him asking you to buy some books on Chinese coins; his prices are very high. I wanted the big Maillet (not the sale catalogue) but he asks $50.00 for it.

Ramsden's book on paper money you can have back if you want it. I will review it but it does not particularly interest me. If you give me permission I will turn it over to Blake.

When you are writing to Valentine or Allen you can give them the following notations from Zambaur:

"It is to be regretted that Valentine did not consult Ismail Ghalib, only one coin (p. 46, no. 2) is taken from this work, & yet this book is the highest authority on Turkish coins & will probably remain so until the promised publication of the Constantinople Museum appears." ~~Then the~~ (Here follows something not pertinent). Then he goes on:

The following nos. of Ghalib are all missing. 65, 74, 84, 131, 166, 174, 207, 208, 210, 253, 262, etc. & yet these are all very important pieces."

Under the Persian mint towns I miss the following: Ardebil, Huwaiza, Dewletâbâd, Zendjan, & in the Afghan coinages the author has evidently not utilized the works of Longworth-Dames (Num. Chron. viii. 1888 p. 325-363) & White-King (ibid. vol. xiv. p. 277-344) which would have given him issues of Deredjât, Deré-Fath-Khân, Kaschmir, Multan, Peschâwer, etc. Curiously enough the very common copper coin of Mahmûd Khân of Khelât (Belutschistan) 1293, is not noted.

Of errors I note the following:

Page 20/21. No. 105. is a Persian coin identical with Reg. St. Poole S. P. no. 61. (pl XIX).

Page 21/22. No. 106. Is a mamluk copper of Hama probably later overstruck at Damascus.

Page 22/23. No. 113. Is of Brusa not Tiré, as the latter mint has an isolated H final.

No. 115. Is issued at Lârenda, on account of the Lam-[illegible] in the centre.

Page 86/87. No. 8. Is to be read Djumâd ·âkhir, struck in the 6th month of the year 1291.

~~Page~~ 88/89. No. 15. does not belong here; the Persian blessing cannot exist on a coin of Hadramaut; this coin is unquestionably from Turkestan & belongs on pp. 186/7.

It is difficult to translate Zambaur's German, but if you care to publish it in the Journal (& have Arabic type) I will get him to publish a complete addenda of Valentine & translate the G[illegible] & you can put in his Arabic notes.

If you are alone in Edgartown & have not taken Polly & Mamie with you, then you ought to have plenty of time on your hands to both read & answer this long letter.

Sincerely

Frey

Elder wants to know why you never write to him.

May 13.

My dear Wood.—

A few days ago I mailed you one of the recent Treasury Decisions & now you can paste the enclosed letter with them as explanatory of what constituted the protest. No wonder the Government is poor, when the importers beat us to a "frazzle" every time.

I suppose you know of the big news soon to be made public. The trio have engaged rooms on the 8th floor of the Fifth Ave. building (Higgins office is on the 6th floor of same building) & they will make things lively.

Mehl was here last week & gave Blake an address where he could be found. But he did not show up at the Club on Friday night.

Spinks sent me another copy of the May issue.

Enclosed is a letter from Wilson which may interest you. I assume that Wilson has been told to "Keep busy"

at something, to divert his mind, & I am (2
writing him every now & Then & sending him such catalogues as may interest him. He must be working on his accumulations because he asked me concerning a priced catalogue of one of Geoffrey Charltons' sales & I referred him to Hills & Marcuson — I knew of no others.

Tilden writes me that he bought all of your store-cards & I am putting him on to one or two with whom he may be able to exchange his duplicates.

I am very busy with something that I think will be a surprise to the collector on this side who can only read English — you will hear the details later.

Earl sale will last five days & is slated for about June 16.

Sincerely
Frey

Yes — paranoic fits.

Can I propose you as Chairman of the Public Committee of the Club & make you Editor of the Year Book?

Dear Wood.-

Do you want me to translate this? + is there any likelihood of your getting the medal itself so that it can be illustrated?

Yours

Fay.

From Revue Belge de Numismatique.

UNE MÉDAILLE CHINOISE

Lorsqu'au mois de janvier dernier la peste pulmonaire, après avoir fait de terribles ravages dans le Nord de la Mandchourie, tendait de plus en plus à envahir les provinces limitrophes de l'Empire chinois, la Russie suggéra au Gouvernement de Pékin d'inviter les autres puissances à déléguer des médecins spécialistes afin d'étudier sur place les causes et les moyens de propagation de l'impitoyable fléau.

Le Gouvernement chinois qui, dès qu'il se fut rendu compte des dangers de la situation, s'est énergiquement efforcé à combattre et à enrayer la maladie, s'est empressé de donner suite à l'idée suggérée. Et le favorable accueil fait à sa demande a prouvé, une fois de plus, la solidarité des nations. Accédant au désir du Gouvernement chinois, l'Allemagne, l'Autriche, les États-Unis, la France, la Grande-Bretagne, l'Italie, le Japon, le Mexique, les Pays-Bas et la Russie n'ont pas tardé à désigner des spécialistes et à les envoyer en Mandchourie.

Ouverte solennellement le 3 avril 1911, la Conférence contre la peste de Moukden a duré presque quatre semaines. Les résultats de ses études et discussions ont été réunis dans un rapport qui assurément ne tardera pas à être publié.

Comme on pouvait s'y attendre de la part d'un peuple qui considère l'hospitalité comme un des premiers de ses devoirs, les autorités chinoises ont fait aux délégués étrangers une réception des plus courtoises et cordiales et les ont comblés des attentions les plus délicates et les plus diverses.

Dîners et excursions, collations et réceptions, il n'y a aucun des divertissements auxquels sont habitués des congressistes européens qui ne figurât au programme. Même — chose jamais vue en Chine — un bal a été offert aux délégués, lors de leur visite à la capitale, par le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères

Mais ce à quoi certes personne ne s'était attendu a été fait par Son Excellence Hsi Liang, vice-roi de Mandchourie. A l'occasion de la séance de clôture de la Conférence, le vice-roi a fait distribuer aux délégués et aux secrétaires des médailles commémoratives frappées à la monnaie de Moukden.

Voici la description de cette médaille intéressante :

Droit : deux dragons chinois affrontés et accompagnés d'un soleil flamboyant (placé entre leurs têtes) et de nuages.

Revers : treize microbes de la peste. A l'exergue, en deux cercles : INTERNATIONAL PLAGUE CONFERENCE MEMORIAL, MUKDEN * HSUAN TUNG 3RD. YR. 3RD. MO. *
THE TA CHING EMPIRE.

et, dans un troisième cercle, la traduction des deux inscriptions précédentes en caractères chinois.

Il suffira sans doute de rappeler que le troisième mois de la troisième année du règne Hsuan Tung correspond au mois d'avril 1911 de notre calendrier.

La médaille a 35 centimètres de diamètre. Elle a été offerte en or aux délégués et en argent aux secrétaires de la Conférence Au moyen d'un anneau elle est supendue à un ruban rouge à liséré bleu.

Au point de vue artistique la médaille n'est pas très intéressante. Mais le fait même de la frappe d'une médaille commémorative en pleine Mandchourie et sur laquelle figurent des microbes m'a semblé assez curieux pour le signaler à l'attention de mes honorés confrères. Il leur prouvera que la Chine dans sa remarquable et rapide évolution vers la civilisation occidentale ne compte nullement négliger le domaine de la numismatique.

BEELAERTS DE BLOKLAND.

Sunday. June 9.

My dear Wood.–

You have not heard from me for some time simply because there was nothing of importance to communicate.

I have switched de Lagerberg on to Wilson & they are corresponding in great shape – he ought to keep W.W.C. pretty busy.

I suppose you know that Pell (a former A.N.A. member) is selling all his medals in London – he has three very rare Canadians & Wilson, I think will try for them.

Elder is frightened over the new combination & has written a letter to Sears asking him to consider the matter carefully before he goes into it, as, he assures Sears, there is no money in it. (Wonder why Thomas does not give it up if such is the case and start a saloon or a moving picture show?) Ask Sears to show you the letter when you see him.

The new combine has received a temporary check on account of Michel's return to Texas, but they appear to be undaunted,

Poillon tells me that Baldwin was "fired" & has gone to Europe. He also says that the Socy will not publish the Journal after 1912. If this is so, & you care to commit yourself on paper, then let me know. I have nearly ready quite an exhaustive paper for the Journal, but if there should be any hitch I will send it to Europe, as it is not of the kind suitable for the Numismatist.

I suppose you have seen the circular of Higgins' book — if you buy it & read it, then please tell me what it is all about, as life is too short for me to investigate it.

Do you know of a man called Wm H. Seabury, 328 Livingstone Ave. Albany. N.Y.? He has written to Merzbacher of Munich to send over several thousand coins & gives no reference. I am afraid he is a swindler. Elder does not know him.

Sincerely Frey

June 24.

My dear Wood—

Yours reached me this morning + at noon today I dropped in at Elder's to leave a few bids + met Sears there.

He told me that Mehl *was* *not* *coming to* *N.Y.* but that the idea of a new concern had not been abandoned. That is all I could get out of him.

Elder says that all of Mehl's coins &c. have been shipped back to Texas — where he obtained this information I do not know. The illness of Mehl's mother was caused by her grieving over the absence of her son (according to Sears' version) + since his return she is getting better.

Somebody met Higgins + he is displaying a large masonic badge on his coat — he must have joined some lodge.

I saw Adams + he tells me that some one made a complaint concerning the way the N.Y. Numismatic Club was being written up — he refused to tell me who it was.

About two weeks before the Club meeting Adams was asked by several members of the Ex. Com. ~~to~~ allow his name to be used as chairman of the Membership Committee, as by virtue of his position on the magazine, he could get new members into the Club. This position he refused.

As to what happened after that I would prefer to tell you that when I see you. It is a matter which had better not go on paper.

Enclosed letter answers your inquiry concerning Wright.

Yes, I received those pamphlets from India & wrote up a paragraph for Adams from them. The nickel coinage in the Münzblätter is too elaborate to translate for the magazine.

I will send you complete copy of my paper in about a month. It is slow, difficult work, as I have to get so many cuts &c. from Europe.

There are rumors that W. W. C. W. will be in Phila to attend the sale tomorrow, as nobody here has his bids.

Belden was in Boston ~~about~~ a week ago &

if you saw him you probably know by this time that Miss Baldwin is out & according to reports has gone to Europe. There must have been a nice row up there if all I hear from Poillon is true.

Enclosed letter you Nangle you might read & return to me. Sotheran sent part I. only paper cover & this is really the most valuable portion. I have it already, otherwise I would buy it & if you think that you can use it I will send it on approval. It will cost you 2.50 (in postage stamps say) & is well worth it.

If you already have it, let me know & we will send it back to Sotheran.

I am afraid Seabury is n.g. He wants people to send him lots of coins (*fully prepaid*) to pick over & then he proposes to keep what he wants at prices that *he thinks* will be a fair valuation.

That is enough for this time I think.

Sincerely

Fay

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Sunday.

My dear Wood:

Our last letters must have crossed & I have purposely deferred writing to you until after the meeting on Friday last as Belden wrote me that he was very anxious to confer with me. I had a long talk with him on that evening & what he said practically coincided with what you wrote me.

He made no secret of the proposed (or probable) change of publication of the Journal & I told him that the paper ~~in~~ could go in two or three issues in quarterly form or as an entirety in an annual form; but I would not stand for it, to have a portion printed in the quarterly & remainder in an annual. This was agreed on, 1st because he said everything was practically made up to the Dec. issue & 2dly because it would not do to have an annual begin with the continuation ~~of~~ (or Part II) of a paper. The annual scheme will be bad for poor Storer, unless you decide to drop him & turn his remainder over to Adams.

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The copy is complete except the exact title

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of Leitzmann's (or Lietzmann's) book in the list of authorities cited + the descriptions of nos. 263 + ~~468~~ 438 (coins of Liege + Namur respectively) for which I have written to Europe. I have the coins here for illustration, but they are weakly struck.

Now, shall I forward you the ~~copy~~ remainder of the copy? It may be of assistance to you when you begin making the cuts + the 3 missing items (as above) I can forward later, + they can easily be added in their proper place.

In the introduction I have said "the principal coins", this was done purposely, as in a work of this kind, like a dictionary, there will be sure to be a few omissions, but they are minor coins + insignificant; — all the Thaler + all the gold coins are enumerated.

Please also look in the introduction + see whether I have mentioned that minor varieties are omitted, if I have not done so then stick that in.

F. C. H. + Brenner attended the meeting.

Sincerely

Frey

I am down for a lecture on Sep. 24 + after that is over I will get at the Year Book of the Club.

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Aug 15. 1912

My dear Wood. –

Your magazine came this morning & many thanks for same as it contains several items of interest.

I have been after the Ex. Com. of the Club for some time & told them that a Chop House was not exactly the proper thing for an official address for the Club. We have compromised on a P. O. box, for the rental of which I have agreed to pay one fourth & another party one fourth, provided we can have all our mail sent there in the future. This they consented to, so it will cost the Club $2. a quarter instead of $4.00 (the boxes are $16.00 a year).

It is a great convenience to me, as I pass the General P. O. twice a day & as my lease here is up on Oct. 1. I do not know whether I will stay & hate to be continually asking people to "note change of address." I will have some new letter-heads in a day or two, & you can send everything in the future to P.O. box 1875. N.Y. City. — Have notified W. C. Moore.

Newell I suppose has bought that property at Halesite, L. I. as he writes me from there, & sends me one of his new books.

Do you go to Rochester? I shall not go. but understand that Adams & Sears & perhaps Kohler will attend. Duffield sent Kohler a proxy, but has not mailed them to anybody else to my knowledge.

The circular of the new concern I suppose you have seen.

Have you:
"Annam and its minor Currency". By E. Toda.
Octavo. 260 pp. Shanghai. 1882
Text in English & a presentation copy from the author written at Cairo in 1885.

The price is $3.00 & can get it on approval.

Wilson makes me tired. He does not wish to correspond on anything but the "ladies".

Sincerely Frey.

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Aug 20.

My dear Wood.

Your letter I found in the box on my way downtown this morning. I shall get in touch with Newell for you.

Wilson is here but I have not seen him. He was at Elder's yesterday.

If you decide to go to Rochester & could get here by next Sat'y evening, before you go to the Convention it might pay you to do so. Blake & E. Smith both want to see you & pour some grievances in your ears. They have said this several times. Blake must have heard Granberg drop some remark to the effect that you & Chapman were not consulted to any extent in the policies of The Board of G.

Smith & Sears want to know who is paying Adams a salary & I believe the thing is to be brought up at the Convention.

I have seen de Lagerberg's resignation as editor, which will be mailed to you or Granberg this week.

Now if you come to N.Y. on Saturday night then write to Blake & Smith where they can

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meet you (the Grand Union Hotel would be the place) & get some pointers from them, but before you see Adams.

You can get Blake before 1 p.m. by calling up Rector 4890 & Smith by calling up Plaza 3056.

If you do not get here until Sunday then you will find Blakes telephone no. in the book under Jersey City & ~~Ed~~ Smith's at New Rochelle. (20¢ to tel.)

All this is of course to be kept quiet & you had better not see me before you go to Rochester, so that you can honestly say that you have "not seen Frey."

I have no axes to grind at the Convention, but if you get a chance you might make it public that Brenner who came to N.Y. last Dec. & talked about a "booster club", has thus far not proposed a single new member! (Vide files of "Numismatist").

I hear that Mehl was not wanted as a partner because he carried no stock in comparison to that of Raymond & Sears, & that Woodin & Adams are silent partners. Smith can tell you something about this.

Yours
Frey

Write me a card from Rochester [illegible] & meet you in N.Y.

Sep. 13.

My dear Wood.-

The Berlin magazine reached me this morning. I have been very busy with a reception tendered to a teacher of ours 40 years ago when we were kids of 13 or 14. That neighborhood was beautiful then but is now given over to the *sheenies* altogether.

Have been going over about 100 pp. of stenographers notes relative to the Convention + it looks as if we will run 48 pages or even more as I want to get the whole thing fixed up in one-number + be done with it.

Of new issues there is nothing more. The 50 öre of Sweden is just out, but cannot get it yet for illustration.

Ramsdens' reprint I will notice; but I think the price should be stated + where they are for sale in the U.S.

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From your letter I judge that simply a new issue of those Morocco coins was ordered; unless they change his titles every few years — do they do that? Or does it always read "May God immortalize his fame"? This Muley Hafid has only been the "boss" out there for five or six years I think & as he adds to his treasury chest & his harem I assume his glory & titles increase also.

According to our new constitution the B. of G. has power to change any parts of it *provided they do it at a convention.* They changed that final portion making the Board 6 hereafter instead of 5 & consequently the 2/3 is all right now.

Of course, *officially*, I have received no reply as yet to my letter & until that comes I can do nothing about asserting my plans. I shall not vote for Williams or Henderson for the Board; the others I will support.

Enclosed is Waldo's latest for your waste-basket.

Sincerely Frey

Duffield has made no demand to me thus far.

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Sep. 26. 1912.

My dear Wood.—

With this I am sending you the remainder of the copy which is now completed. I am also sending two more specimens (the best I could get) & the reconstructed introduction — of this later on.

Of course you understand, that not every coin is included here & I purposely used the expression (page 6 line 5) "the principal specimens . . . of this period are enumerated;" because I am in the same position as Dr. Samuel Johnson when he made his first great dictionary of the English language. Not a month had elapsed after the publication before letters reached him from correspondents saying this word & that word had been omitted. The work being sui generis so to speak, omissions may necessarily occur. A notable instance is no. 353 (see copy) where my attention has been called to the fact that a similar coin was issued in the following year, tho' no catalogue mentions it. I got it into a note, as you see, so as not to disturb the numerical arrangement. With no. 196 I was not so fortunate; this coin belongs to 1478 not 1479; & I had to put a single line of errata at the end to make things fit,— but that will do no harm.

Liège & Namur gave me the most trouble, as I cannot get de Chestret's book here & Belden writes me that it is not in the Society. I got notes from Fuldauer, Dupriez, & Schulman on the coins I wanted, but I had to buy the coins & insist on their giving full descriptions (i.e. lettering).

One thing is certain; there are but very few omissions & for a first attempt, (with no predecessor to guide me) I feel rather proud of the collation.

Please note as follows, in the list of authorities cited: I do not know whether I have written LEITZMANN or LIETZMANN. The latter is correct & please paste in the slip hereto attached or copy it. I have ordered this pamphlet & can then add what periodical it originally appeared in, as it is a "Separat Abdruck". It contains 3 plates of the coins of Aix la Chapelle, so don't you bother reproducing any of these for the present, if the book is already sold it will be time enough.

Neither Engel & Serrure nor Lelewel (their fore-runner) can help me. The principle they go on (& strictly speaking I think they are correct) is that the Middle Ages, or "Dark Ages"

begin about A.D. 650 + end about A.D. 1200. They
go in heavily for the German bracteates, the
English stycae + skeatta, the French undated
deniers of the Merovingian + Carlovingian
period +c. +c. all coins too early for my
treatise. I have consulted them + ~~m~~ of what
I write subsequently in this letter my information has
been derived to some extent from them.
The other piece you describe is probably a
token, as no French coins were dated prior
to about 1537. As you can see from the
introduction I omit medals. Under 1477 I
give the legitimate Thaler issues but
omit the gold marriage medal (dated) of
Maximilian + Mary of Burgundy.

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Your preface is excellent + I thank you
for it + as you see I shall adopt all of it.
Some of the things you mention I found
superficially in my searches + decided to
condense the whole thing in a paragraph.
But as you have taken the trouble to
write it all out, I say by all means let
it all go in + adopt the revised introduction
I am sending you herewith.

If the following notes are of any value
to you then you are at liberty to

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incorporate them.

Page 1. (⊗ on left side). See Santos catalogue, nos. 2909 + 2912–15. These are all coins prior to A.H. 100 + you may care to include them.

Page 1. (××) I altered one "we have" to avoid repitition.

Page 3. (②) Isn't there something wrong about this date? (i.e. 1140).
Ruggiero II. reigned 1127–1154 + with him reigned Ruggiero, Duke of Apulia, but only from 1140 to 1149. If it is year X of somebody's reign it must be 1137.

Page 5 (no 6). As you say these coins of Akka are not European, but they may as well ~~go~~ stay in as they bear Christian regnal years. You mention 6 or 7 of them; I got on to one or two in my researches, but did not bother about them, as they were not in Europe. But, as I said before, you have taken so much trouble that it would be a pity to omit them now.

You additions will involve a special type for the letters D (∂) and S (ƨ). These forms do not occur in the alphabet I am using. There is a remarkly good example of the type I need (only rather large) in the Meili Catalogue, sold by Schulman in 1910 (see about nos 1 to 150.

If there is anything else, write me.

Sincerely
Frey.

Rec'd Nov 11 1930 Reply [illegible]

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Oct. 9. 1912

My dear Wood:—

Both of your letters received — I was up to the Socy last Saturday afternoon & saw Belden. He could not give me much time as Salter had just returned from Europe & he had an appointment with him at 5 p. m. They are exhibiting their obsidional coins, Pelreau's collection of Scandinavian ferry-tokens, & the medal awarded to Rostron of the Carpathia.

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Now for your questions:

Varieties. The coins sent you (& the illustrations) will frequently differ slightly from the descriptions as in practically every instance there are innumerable varieties; sometimes you will find a word spelled out, like REGNAT & this may also occur simply as REG. or as REGN'T. Of the groschen of 1467, Weinmeister calls my attention to 18 varieties, & asks me whether I intend to describe them all (see enclosure). This is naturally impossible.

Again, here is a coin of Schwarzburg dated 1493.

Günther XXXVI., Balthasar II. u. Heinrich XXXI. Königsee'er Groschen 1493. ✽ G ∘ B ∘ h ∘ COMITES — SWARƷBVRG 93 Schräggestellter Löwenschild mit Helm. Rv.: GROSSVS ∗ MAIOR — ∗ — KONIGISSEE — N Stehender Ritter mit geschultertem Schwert u. Schild. F. 49. S. g. e. —Fischer Cat.

# Desgl. Wie vorher, aber von etwas veränderter Zeichnung und mit COMITE — SSWARƷBVRG·93 F. —. S. g. e. not in Fischer

At # it says: (translated) "The same, as above, but

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with slight alterations in the drawings and qOMITE SS" &c instead of qOMITES SW.

Joseph, (Part II) I received a short time ago + noted on the cover a number of coins to be looked up. Imhoff came down + borrowed it, so I have not got it now. Hamburger frequently sends a copy to Elder + I will borrow it when I go to his place on Friday afternoon. If the inscriptions on no. 5577 differ materially it is of course an omission; but if it is only a question of using the word albus or groschen, then these terms are synonymous. Albus (Latin alba = white) is nothing but the so-called "Weiss-Groschen". See Halke for a long description showing that they put more silver in it, which gave it its light appearance, as distinguished from other varieties in which the copper or base-metal preponderated. I notice that the German catalogues usually (tho' not always) use "Groschen" + Schulmann Dupriez + the Revue Belge use "albus".

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Type. The specimen you send appears to be a later variant. It has the letter U, which never occurs to my knowledge.

The TT will do if you can ~~Do~~ get nothing better, but I have always found it made of two VV's placed close together, and in the later issues

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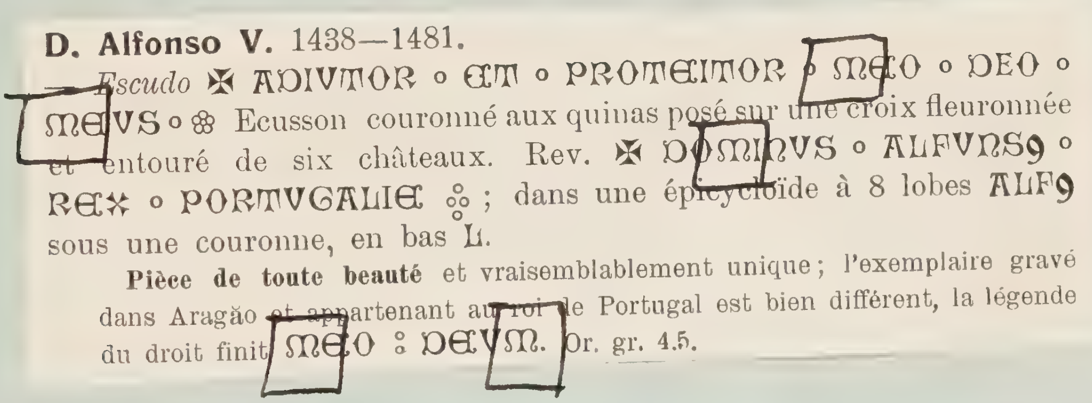
it sometimes appears thus W.
This π occurs on all the earlier coins, but only a
few of the later ones have A (or something like it).
The Ͼ will do, as the open C is but rarely used.
The Є is excellent
The J (i.e. J) is a modern introduction, as it never
occurs; everything is IAKOBVS or IOHANNES.
In regard to M, there are I think two or three kinds
used. One variety is similar to the font but not
exactly like it. The M in the square below ☐ is
most frequently used:



D. Alfonso V. 1438—1481.

— *Escudo* ✠ ADIVTOR ∘ ET ∘ PROTEITOR ∘ MEO ∘ DEO ∘ MEVS ∘ ❀ Ecusson couronné aux quinas posé sur une croix fleuronnée et entouré de six châteaux. Rev. ✠ DOMINVS ∘ ALFVNS9 ∘ REX ∘ PORTVGALIE ⁘ ; dans une épicycloïde à 8 lobes ALF9 sous une couronne, en bas L.

Pièce de toute beauté et vraisemblablement unique ; l'exemplaire gravé dans Aragão et appartenant au roi de Portugal est bien différent, la légende du droit finit MEO ⁚ DEVM. Or. gr. 4.5.

The N is excellent, but as you say we will need
Ƞ, N, and И (See Hessen enclosed for the latter
variety.
Use the long T (thus T) as in clipping above. The
variety in your font I think does not occur.
Z occurs rarely (see Zeelandia) but I think is
nearly always like that abbreviation that
the physicians use on prescriptions.
Some of the foreign fonts have an 8 with the
bottom cut off for the &, but it looks poor.
Illustrations. Make your own selections &
use what you think best. I purposely sent you

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all so that you could pick out whatever you wanted. Cuts you need not return. Let the Reader go for the present as I may get that book.

As to AEIOV. I did not think it necessary to give the history of this proverbial ~~saying~~ motto of the Emperor Frederick. I will write out a note on the subject if you think it will be of interest + you can attach it to the earliest coin, i.e. to the place where it first occurs. Write me your opinion on this.

The Map. If you are going to have it redrawn then have the revised copy with some lettering somewhat more slender + graceful than SWEDEN, &c. The young man who drew it for me evidently wanted to make it as bold as possible + it looks bad. Adding the dates is a good idea.

Make it POMMERANIA to agree with the text, tho' one M is not exactly inaccurate.

Make it CAMPEN on the map, also

Schönforst (Schoonvorst is simply the Dutch variant) but the first o must have two dots over it, thus Ö

The Swedish mint was at Stockholm, but I think that this is not mentioned in the text, + as the coins were not local but regal, we can leave the word Sweden.

Make it Netherlands (The Dutch spelling was adopted here also).

HESSEN is correct

Baer is so insignificant that it can be

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omitted. It is on the map accompanying v. i. "Chips" book, but I had to borrow this set of books + ~~it is~~ they are not readily accessible now. Wittenburg (WITTENBURG) is correct.

De Chestret. If there are numerous dated references in it + you think it worth while, then send it to me at room 648, Custom House. But if it will upset all our numerations I do not see how ~~it~~ they can be adjusted.

Note letter from Dupriez enclosed in which he gives me de Chestret 372, 408, + 217 (2 for Liège + 1 for Namur) I do not think there are many other references.

In his last catalogue of numismatic books (just out) he asks $13.00 for it + this is too expensive a book for the little use that I get out of it.

Note Sept. Numismatist, Krausz' speech on pp. 294–296. This seemed very familiar + I could not rest until I had hunted it up. Look at Humphrey's C. Coll. Manual. vol II. pp. 404–407. Krausz has virtually stolen the whole thing (slightly altering the text) + palmed it off on the Convention as original!!

Sincerely
Frey.

The new Breton is out, but a disappointment, as [illegible] is [illegible]

Die Groschen Ludwigs II. von Hessen 1458—1471.

Von

Alexander Fiorino.

(Fortsetzung von Seite 90.)

Horngroschen von 1467.

3. Hs. Umschrift zwischen Perlkreisen. Behelmtes schrägliegendes Schildchen mit dem steigenden hessischen Löwen nach links, Tromben und hörnerartiger Helmschmuck.

a) ❀ L ○ D ○ G ○ LANTGRAVIVS ○ hASS ○
b) ——————————————————S
c) ——————————————————
d) ——————————————————
e) ———D'○———N——————S ○
f) ———D ○—————— . . —————S
g) ❀ L ○ D ○ G ○ LANTGRAVIVS ○ hAS ○
h) ——————————————————
i) ——————————II ——————
k) —————————II ——————
l) ——————————N— . . . . —
m) ——————————N ——————S mit dreizackiger Krone
n) (3 Blätter) L ○ D ○ G ○ LANTGRAVIVS ○ hAS ○
o) ——————————N ——————S
p) ——————————————————
q) ——————————————————
r) ——————————————————
s) ——————————II ——————

Rs. Das Ziegenhainer Wappen in geneigtem Schilde mit Hörnerschmuck und Ziegenhainer Helm darüber.

a) ❀ G ○ L ○ h ○ COMIT' ○ DE ○ CYGE'h hA 6t ne z
b) ——————————————————h'○——
c) ——————————————————h ○——
d) ——————————————————h 6Λ
e) ——————————II————————Nh ○'——
f) ——————————M————————○ 6 ·
g) ——————————————————hA ○' 6Λ ○
h) ——————————————————Λ
i) —————————————— . . –A 6Λ
k) ————————————————ENh ○' ——
l) ————————————————G . . . . . .
m) —————————— ——————GENh ○' 6Λ
n) (3 Blätter) G ○ L ○ h ○ COMIT ○' DE ○ CYGENh ○ 6Λ
o) ——————————————————Nh ○'——
p) ——————————————————N——
q) ——————————II———————n y h ○ ——
r) ——————————cu r———————dr nd——
s) ——————————————————h' 6Λ

28—30 mm. 2.5—2.8 g.

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18 varieties!

all dated 1467.

B. Groschen ohne Jahreszahlen.

4. Petrusgroschen (Albus, Weißgroschen).

Hs.	Rs.
Unter einem Baldachin der heil. Petrus mit Nimbus in halber Figur, Kreuzstab u. Schlüssel haltend, vor ihm ein Schildchen mit dem steigenden hessisch. Löwen. Zwischen Perlkreisen	Im Dreipass hochgeteilter Schild von Hessen und Ziegenhain, in den Dreipasswinkeln links (v. Beschauer) Schildchen mit dem hessischen Löwen, rechts Schildchen von Nidda, unten ✽ Zwischen Perlkreisen
a) ◦ LVDEWIC ◦ = DEI ◦ GRA ◦ L ◦	◦ MONE ◦ = ◦ NOVI ◦ h = ASSIE ◦
b) ——	— E = NOV ◦ h = ——

25 mm. 2.04 g. Die Formen des N ähneln einem D wie auf den Groschen von 1466.

a) Sammlg. W. Schwab in Darmstadt aus Verst. Hamburger i. Juni 1896.
b) Museum Cassel aus dem Erfurter Funde.

Groschen ohne Niddaer Schild.

5. Hs. Gekrönter nach links steigender Löwe in spanischem Schilde, daneben links und rechts ein Ringel.

a) ✠ LODEWICVS ⁚ DEI ⁚ GRACIA ⁚ LAN'
b, c) ——————————————— L

Rs. Lilienkreuz im Vierpaß, in drei Aussenwinkeln je ein sechsspitziger Stern, im vierten Winkel der Ziegenhainer Schild.

a) GROSSVS ⁚ LANTGRAVI ⁚ DE ⁚ hA
b) h
c) —— [redacted] —— [redacted] ———————— E ◦

28 mm. 2.3 g. Sammlg. Museum Cassel u. Fiorino. Aus den Funden von Hägerfelden und Erfurt.

Schildige Groschen mit Ludwigs Namen auf der Kreuzseite.

6. Hs. Lilienkreuz im Vierpaß, in drei Aussenwinkeln je ein Ringel, im vierten Winkel der Ziegenhainer Schild.

a) ✠ LODEWICI ◦ DEI ◦ GRADI ◦ 'L'
b) ———— C ———— C —— L
c) ’’ ——————— E ——— ———
d) ? LV ———————————— ◦ L
e) ✠ LO ———————————— CI ◦
f) ✠ LODEWICI ◦ DEI ◦ GRACI ◦
g) ———————————— A ——
h) ———————————— ADI
i) ————————————
k) ✠ LODE [redacted] ICVS ◦ DEI ◦ GRAC ◦ 'L'
l) ✳ —— [redacted] ———————— [redacted] C
m) ————————————
n) ———————————— CI

Rs. Steigender Löwe nach links im Felde, der Schild von Nidda zwischen der linken Vorder- und rechten Hinterpranke.

a) ✠ GROSSVS ○ LANTGRAVI ○ DE ○ h’
b) ————————————————
c) ✠ ——————————————— h
d) ✠ ———————————————
e) ———————————————— h’
f) ✠ GROSSVS ○ LANTGRAVI ○ DE ○ h’
g) ———————————————— h
h) ✠ ○ ———————————————
i) ✠ G ——————————————— E ○ h ○
k) ———————————————— E ○ h ○’
l) ✳ ——————————————— I ○ hAS
m) ———————————————— A
n) ————————————————

27--30 mm. 2.3—2.5 g. Gegengestempelt sind die Hs. von f) mit $^1/_2$ Rade, auch kommt f) ohne Gegenstempel vor. Die Hs. von g) und die Rs. von m) haben einen halben Adler n. r. als Gegen-Stempel.

(Fortsetzung folgt.)

Unedierter Achtgröscher 1791 Carl Wilh. Ferdinands von Braunschweig.

In No. 113/114 dieser Zeitschrift veröffentlicht Herr Carl Hauer ein bisher nicht bekanntes VIII Gute Groschenstück 1791 des Herzogs Carl Wilh. Ferdinands von Braunschweig. Die Vermutung, daß hier eine nicht in den Verkehr gekommene Probe vorliegt, dürfte wohl nicht zutreffend sein. Es ist vielmehr als sicher anzunehmen, daß es sich um ein Zwitterstück handelt, bei welchem zu der Wappenseite versehentlich ein „X Taler Gold“-Stempel verwendet wurde. Letztere hatten dieselbe Größe, 27—29 mm, wie die VIII Gute Groschenstücke. Der Titel und Landesname setzte sich auf der Wertseite fort. Vergl. Knyph. 8224 ff. Fiala 2946.

Braunschweig. C. Schwetz.

Münzenfunde.

Zorge i. Harz. Goldgulden, Groschen, Witten, Hohlpfennige u. dergl. Bericht später.

Bödingheim. Goldgulden von Bacharach, Höchst, Oberwesel, Coblenz, Bonn, Bingen, Offenbach, Oppenheim, Riel. 60 Stück, von Herrn Karl Kellerberger daselbst zu kaufen.

Langenfeld bei Neustadt a. Aisch. Über 3000 meist kleinere Silbermünzen aus dem 16. Jhrhdt. von Sachsen, Bayern, Österreich usw. Näheres bei Herrn Sigling daselbst.

Jezewo b. Schwetz. Rund 1000 Silbermünzen vom Tympf abwärts von Joh. Kasimir von Polen, Friedrich Wilhelm und Friedrich III. v. Brandenburg.

Burg Minz bei Annweiler. Beim Bau des Ludwigshafener städtischen Beamtenhauses fand man im Keller eine eiserne Truhe, die aus alter Zeit Münzgerätschaften: 2 Handpressen, Stanzen, Schläger, Schmelztiegel, Prägezangen, Platten, ein Verzeichnis der dort geprägten Münzen und eine Handschrift aus dem Jahre 1411 „guet und ausfüerlich Anleihtung wy Münzen gestochen werden“ enthielt. Dabei lag eine Anzahl Münzen aus der Zeit Friedrich Barbarossas (!). — So nach Mitteil. des Geh.Rt. Kirsch. Bedarf noch der Aufklärung.

Aus deutschen Münzkabinetten.

Das kgl. Münzkabinett zu Dresden hat eine Ausstellung der deutschen Medaillen veranstaltet, die im vorigen Jahre auf der Weltausstellung in Brüssel zu sehen waren. Die vordem auch in Berlin gezeigten rund 300 Medaillen und Plaketten geben ein vortreffliches Bild von den Leistungen der deutschen Medaillenkunst der Gegenwart.

Das kgl. Münzkabinett zu Stuttgart hat in den Räumen der Altertumssammlung (Sieglin-Zimmer) eine Ausstellung aller auf das württemberg. Königspaar bezüglichen Münzen, Medaillen und Plaketten veranstaltet, darunter besonders hervorzuheben die Erzeugnisse der Kgl. Münze, der Stuttgarter Metallwarenfabrik von Mayer & Wilhelm und von R. Pauschinger in Gmünd.

Ein Unikum, früher Eigentum des Grafen Tyszkiewicz, konnte das Berliner kgl. Münzkabinett erwerben, einen Silbermedaillon des Geta, Sohnes des Kaisers Septimius Severus (193—211 n. Chr.).

Neue Medaillen und Plaketten.

Auf die 50jähr. Wirksamkeit des Erzherzogs Rainer von Österreich als Kurator der Akademie der Wissenschaften in Wien: Hs. Kopf des Erzherzogs, Rs. Minerva; in Gold, 99 mm. Künstler Rudolf Marschall. — Auf das 50jähr. Bestehen des Protestantenpatents in Österreich und Ungarn: Brustbild des Kaisers Franz Josef, Rs. Weibliche Gestalt mit Bibel und Kelch; von A. Hartig in Wien. — Geburts- und Taufmedaille der Prinzessin Sophie von Sachsen-Weimar. — Plakette auf die Einweihung der Hohenzollernbrücke in Köln. — Plaketten von Hugo Taglang in Wien mit den Bildnissen Sven Hedins und Otto Nordenskjölds; von Fritz Hörnlein in Dresden auf Geheimrat Dr. Apelt daselbst; von Professor Ad. v. Hildebrand mit dem Kopfe der Eleonora Duse. — Medaille von Karl Goetz in München zur Erinnerung an den vor 40 Jahren geschlossenen Frankfurter Frieden, mit den Bildnissen von Bismarck und Moltke, 45 mm. (In Silber M. 15.—, in Bronze M. 7.50, Verlag Adolph Hess Nachf. in Frankfurt a. M.)

Deutsche Reichsmünzen.

Im Monat Mai sind in den deutschen Münzstätten Kronen, Fünfmarkstücke, 50- und 25-Pfennigstücke nicht geprägt worden. Von sonstigen Sorten wurden hergestellt:

		Berlin	München	Muld.Hütte	Stuttgart	Karlsruhe	Hamburg
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2 Markstücke	„	1629422	—	250000	—	154000	—
1 Markstücke	„	519668	—	—	—	—	—
10 Pfennigst.	„	230265.90	—	40000	—	—	—
5 Pfennigst.	„	88916.95	—	10000	14000	18500	—
2 Pfennigst.	„	18452.38	960.08	—	4600	8150	6000
1 Pfennigst.	„	19601.83	1601.60	8000	1000	—	—

Sunday.

My dear Wood—

About an hour after I had mailed my letter to you, the postman brought me yours.

I suppose our "Spinks' Circular" has gone down with the Titanic's mail

The little copper coin from Raymond I did not look up, but it bears a considerable resemblance to the gold coins in Jackson's article on Mysore (or Maisur, whichever you prefer) in Brit. Num. Socy (Plate I. nos. 165 166 &c to 283)

Adams has sent two copies to old man Allen since I wrote you. I told him plainly that I had to promise ~~these people~~ any person who has pictures & original matter a number or two in exchange, & we are securing the information cheaply enough at that.

I have heard no complaints about Adams except that one or two have said that the magazine was now edited by a bona-fide dealer & that he will use its columns to advertise his own wares to the greatest advantage to himself. Blake is kicking, because he does not receive enough extra copies to give away, & also because the rates of advertising appear on the editorial page. This is not dignified he claims, & I think that he is right.

De Lagerberg I meet about every ten days & we have a dinner together. He is kicking because the Board of G. will not allow him a few dollars for his postages, & because Adams will not illustrate more of his medals. Adams says the illustrations hereafter must be mainly confined to U.S. issues, as they cost too much.

De Lagerberg also handed me a hat full of rumors last Thursday evening. He said that Cooper-Pritchard's office was abolished & that Miss B. was going to be fired & told me to try for her job. Where he gets all this from I do not know, unless it be from Pehrson. I know that he goes to the Soc'y occasionally on Sundays & is admitted to Pehrson's quarters — perhaps the two Gustavs talk Swenska together & that is where the news comes from.

Please do not repeat any of this to any body — much of it may be only rumor but some of these rumors may be the precursors of facts. There is a meeting of the Soc'y tomorrow evening & if I hear anything I will let you know.

Sears showed me a clipping from a local (Lancaster) paper in which it stated that Steigerwalt was in a hospital there, that he had evaded the attention of the attendant, gone into the bath-room, & when he was absent an unusually long time, they went in there & found that he had hung himself by his suspenders. I told Sears to give the clipping to Adams for publication in the next number.

Higgins' runs into Elder's & I have heard begins to comment on the *physical* *imperfections* of individuals. To correct a man's lack of proper knowledge is all right, but mockery of a hunchback, of a man with a wooden leg, minus teeth, or with one eye, if continued by him, will place him outside of the status of a gentleman.

Sincerely

Fry

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Dec 1.

My dear Wood.

The preparation of the Year Book for the Club is taking up nearly all of my spare time & as one of the editors I am going to give you a small job on it shortly; it will not take you very long. We have our last meeting this year on the 13th of this month & I want to get it issued some time in January.

I have been going through the Paul Joseph, the Riechmann & the next Helbing catalogue but I find nothing prior to 1500 that I do not already have. However, when I get the proof I can tell better, as I have kept no copy, but ~~any~~ all memoranda to be looked up are arranged by me in chronological order & I can readily refer to them when proofs come in & make such few additions as are necessary. If possible have the index (at the end) set up first & send me a copy of that for my private use in advance of anything else.

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It was not necessary to return the cuts & the plaster-cast & such as you still have on hand do not bother about sending back.

I saw Higgins a few days ago & he told me that his wife is going to make him a Christmas present in the shape of an addition to the family. I asked him what the news was & he said, "nothing, only there is a big row on between Elder and Wood". The details he did not know & I hope that it will be of so serious a nature that it will compel you to get to N.Y. before long.

There is a new Club photo. cut & Adams will both produce & reduce it in the next number. He appears to be sore about the Journal printing his California matter, claiming that it has hurt the sale of the publication, & that he has five or six hundred copies on hand.

I never hear from Wilson or Wright now.

Sincerely
Frey

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Dec. 3.

My dear Wood.

On looking over your last letter I find one or two things that I have not answered; so here goes.

Reilly has not shown up at the meetings as yet, tho' I am anxious to see him as I want to ask him concerning the best preparation for mending some old china.

My references show a paper on Tibet in the Journal (xlii. no. 1.) in continuation of something that you wrote — but you probably have all these references yourself.

I saw those coins in Hess' catalogue & told Adams to reprint them — the issue would be rare & would command a premium. He claims that he has nearly 600 copies of his California pamphlets on hand — evidently it is a good seller!

I suppose you have received Schulman's sale for January — he certainly does get good collections.

Sincerely
Frey.

My dear Wood.—

In Spinks' for April there is a letter (p. 12697-8) commenting on a curious error on a medal. Now I shall use this to show that notwithstanding the numerous hands through which a coin or medal goes before it is issued to the public errors (& conspicuous ones) do occur.

I shall mention:

Parliment for Parliament on Ackey of Gold Coast.

$\frac{1}{000}$ instead of $\frac{1}{100}$ on cent of 1801 & also omission of one stem to wreath.

12 stars instead of 13 on ½c of 1828
15 " " " 13 on ¢ of 1815

If you happen to think of any others let me have them. I only want instances of carelessness not mutilations, & nothing like LibeKty which may be caused by a broken die — the intent in this case was all right.

Frey.

The Numismatist
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36-A HAMPTON PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Dec. 31.

My dear Wood.—

On Tuesday or Wednesday I shall send you the Saurma & Meyer catalogues by express. In the first of these I have put in the front the copy for the Isny coins which you will know how to handle from my descriptions. If this can not be ready for the Feby then it can go over to the March issue — there is no hurry.

Higgins should be happy when he sees the ✡ on the Isny coins.

I have also laid in the Ricketts plate which you can reproduce (*exact size*) at the same time & underneath put

From a rare contemporary dramatic print in the collection of A R Frey

This you will please return to me, but the picture of the young lady (also laid in) you can keep. This latter is really a beauty & you may consider it good enough to frame.

The rest of the package I have filled out with blank books which you may find of use only destroy the marks U.S. Treasury Dept on them.

Please ask your photographer to be very careful of my two catalogues.

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You ask me about comments & I am enclosing (in package) a few letters which you may care to read (please

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return these as I may use them at some future time). There are a number of others but they are mainly devoted to other matters & only refer to the change of editorship incidentally. If you have any that you think I might like to read them let me see them & I will return them.

In one way, I am rather glad to get out, as it took up an immense amount of my time, — especially the proof-reading which I hate to do. I told Adams, however, that if he wished me to keep up the Month's Miscellany I must have certain foreign periodicals as they appear, in exchange for free copies of the magazine & he said to go ahead & get all I could. He admits that he can take care of the U.S. end of it, but wants me to keep him posted as to recent "finds", new issues &c. I therefore enclose a letter to Tilden which please O.K. & send on to him. The Berliner Münzblätter you will also please send me regularly when you are through with them. I think that I will send the mutilated copies to Gravel hereafter instead of throwing them away; do you think they would appreciate them? Nearly every exchange is cut, because I keep the original in an envelope in case my ~~news item~~ translation is questioned so that I can refer to the source from which I obtained it.

Sears is very much concerned as to the present whereabouts of W.W. & I told him that to the best of my knowledge he is in Montreal & also to enquire of you. Sears sent me a German bill to translate a short time ago & I find that he has been buying some English & Canadian pieces from Egger in Vienna. Possibly he wants to sell these to Wilson, but you need not tell him that I have got on to this. Elder tells me that Wilson is in bad shape & has had severe hemorrhages lately – where he obtained his information I do not know.

Adams wanted a special meeting of the Club called to honor Brenner & Higgins refused to call it. (See his letter, ~~enclosed~~ in the package). Adams appealed to me & I told him that I supported Higgins in the matter & that if the Club took cognizance of any A.N.A. official (especially one who was elected for his popularity & not for his numismatic knowledge) then I would resign from the Club. So Adams wisely dropped the matter.

Adams would not risk sending the Moffat portrait to you & is having the cut made himself. I introduced him to old man Allen (the grandson of Moffat) who has given him many additional facts.

Have you had a post-card from London as yet? She did not get home by Xmas Day I imagine.

I ~~have~~ will not prepay the expressage on the package & I wish that you would return the books with charges prepaid. I do not see why I should pay anything more hereafter (except postages) for A.N.A. matters & you can,

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I imagine charge it to Tilden.

If you wish to you can send those silk labels from the cigarettes to Elliott Smith direct, as it is to Mrs. Smith that I am sending mine. This will give you a chance to write him now & then.

Higgins is sore on you for not even notifying him that you were in N.Y. Call his attention to some triangles or stars on some coins & all will be well. He has joined the Theosophical Society.

Do you know anything about this man Vercouter? (see letter enclosed). I put in two hours of my time last night for him, but the police here want an official communication from the Chicago police (giving age, clothes, & full description) before they will institute ~~a~~ regular search by plain-clothes men & I have written him to that effect.

But perhaps the letter is a "put-up job" on me by some of the Chicago bunch.

Now you have all the news to date & there only remains the wish of a Happy New Year.

Sincerely

Frey

I have sent to Schulman for the last coin in his priced catalogue no LV. (i.e. no 3349) & it should be here soon. This siege piece will make good stuff for one of my series on unfamiliar coins. I am going to get some details of the siege from contemporary journals (like the Illustrated London News) & if you have any notes on the subject I will get you to add them. Was up at Portchester with Harris last Monday & Tuesday & consequently a trifle "shaky" for a day or two afterwards.